

# House File 743 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring additional workers' compensation payments for  
2 scheduled injuries that result in a reduction in the injured  
3 employee's earning capacity.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 1821HV 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 85.34, subsection 2, paragraph v, Code  
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 v. In all cases of permanent partial disability described  
1 4 or referred to in paragraphs "a" through "t" which cause a  
1 5 reduction in the employee's earning capacity greater than the  
1 6 weeks compensated in paragraphs "a" through "t", compensation  
1 7 shall be paid during the number of weeks in relation to five  
1 8 hundred weeks as the reduction in the employee's earning  
1 9 capacity caused by the disability bears in relation to the  
1 10 earning capacity that the employee possessed when the injury  
1 11 occurred.

1 12 ~~v.~~ w. If it is determined that an injury has produced a  
1 13 disability less than that specifically described in the  
1 14 schedule described in paragraphs "a" through "t", compensation  
1 15 shall be paid during the lesser number of weeks of disability  
1 16 determined, as will not exceed a total amount equal to the  
1 17 same percentage proportion of said scheduled maximum  
1 18 compensation.

### EXPLANATION

1 19  
1 20 This bill amends Code section 85.34 to provide that for  
1 21 purposes of workers' compensation, a scheduled injury  
1 22 resulting in permanent partial disability that also results in  
1 23 a reduction in earning capacity greater than the weeks  
1 24 compensated in the schedule for that injury, shall be  
1 25 compensated in the same way as an unscheduled injury that  
1 26 results in permanent partial disability. In that case  
1 27 compensation shall be paid during the number of weeks in  
1 28 relation to 500 weeks as the reduction in the employee's  
1 29 earning capacity caused by the disability bears in relation to  
1 30 the earning capacity that the employee possessed when the  
1 31 injury occurred.

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