Senate Amendment 5410

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Amend Senate File 2312 as follows:
     2 #1. By striking page 3, line 18, through page 9,
     3 line 23, and inserting the following:
          <Sec.
                     _. Section 85.70, Code 2003, is amended to
     5 read as follows:
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           85.70 ADDITIONAL PAYMENT FOR ATTENDANCE.
           An employee who has sustained an injury resulting
     8 in permanent partial or permanent total disability,
     9 for which compensation is payable under this chapter,
    10 and who cannot return to gainful employment because of
    11 such disability, shall upon application to and
    12 approval by the workers' compensation commissioner be
    13 entitled to a twenty-dollar one hundred dollar weekly
    14 payment from the employer in addition to any other
    15 benefit payments, during each full week in which the
    16 employee is actively participating in a vocational
    17 rehabilitation program recognized by the vocational
18 rehabilitation services division of the department of
    19 education. The workers' compensation commissioner's 20 approval of such application for payment may be given
    21 only after a careful evaluation of available facts,
    22 and after consultation with the employer or the
    23 employer's representative. Judicial review of the
    24 decision of the workers' compensation commissioner may
    25 be obtained in accordance with the terms of the Iowa
    26 administrative procedure Act and in section 86.26.
    27 Such additional benefit payment shall be paid for a 28 period not to exceed thirteen consecutive weeks except
    29 that the workers' compensation commissioner may extend
    30 the period of payment not to exceed an additional 31 thirteen weeks if the circumstances indicate that a
    32 continuation of training will in fact accomplish
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    33 rehabilitation.>
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