

House File 637 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 120)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring annual increases in fees allowed for copies of
2 certain medical records or reports in workers' compensation
3 cases, and including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. WORKERS' COMPENSATION — COPYING FEES. The
2 workers' compensation commissioner shall adopt rules providing
3 for an annual increase in the amount allowed in administrative
4 rules in effect upon enactment of this provision, to be paid
5 to a medical provider or its agent for furnishing duplicates
6 of records or reports. The increase shall be made on an
7 annual basis and equal the percentage increase in the consumer
8 price index published in the federal register by the federal
9 department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, that reflects
10 the percentage increase in the consumer price index for the
11 twelve-month period ending June 30 of each year. The amount of
12 the fees allowed for such duplicates shall be published in the
13 Iowa administrative bulletin each year.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
15 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill requires the workers' compensation commissioner
18 to adopt rules providing for an annual increase in the amount
19 allowed in administrative rules in effect upon enactment of
20 the bill, to be paid to a medical provider or its agent for
21 furnishing duplicates of records or reports. The increase
22 shall be made on an annual basis and equal to the percentage
23 increase in the consumer price index published in the federal
24 register by the federal department of labor, bureau of labor
25 statistics, that reflects the percentage increase in the
26 consumer price index for the 12-month period ending June 30 of
27 each year. The amount of the fees allowed for such duplicates
28 must be published in the Iowa administrative bulletin each
29 year.

30 Administrative rule 876 IAC 8.9 contains a schedule of the
31 amount allowed for the actual expense to prepare duplicates
32 which is currently an amount not to exceed \$20 for 1 to 20
33 pages; \$20 plus \$1 per page for 21 to 30 pages; \$30 plus \$.50
34 per page for 31 to 100 pages; \$65 plus \$.25 per page for 101 to
35 200 pages; \$90 plus \$.10 per page for more than 200 pages, and

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1 the actual expense of postage.

2 The bill takes effect upon enactment.