Workers' Comp

States Get to Work on Workers' Comp

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As the Senate continues to work overtime to tackle its health care agenda—among other initiatives—the majority of state legislatures have managed to adjourn despite passing substantial bills that could significantly affect workers' comp.

The new laws address everything from adding 12 types of cancer and heart-related issues as work-related injuries in Arizona to easing the process for employees filing for work-related mental conditions in Vermont.

And while not all of the initiatives are as significant as an Alabama court decision declaring the state's workers' comp system unconstitutional, the 24 states mentioned in Genex's Summer edition of Statewatch have passed or are considering new rules to managing their programs.

To be frank, it's quite a list, but we tried to make it easier for you to keep up by offering a detailed rundown of the past quarter. Word of warning, it may take you awhile to get through Texas, which passed more than a dozen workers' comp bills this session.

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