

REFERENCE TITLE: workers' compensation; medical; prompt payment

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Introduced by
Senator Leff

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 23, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 23-1062.01; RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 23, chapter 6, article 9, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 23-1062.01, to read:

4 23-1062.01. Failure to promptly pay medical, surgical and
5 hospital benefits; remedy

6 A. IF AN INSURANCE CARRIER OR SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER FAILS TO PAY
7 MEDICAL, SURGICAL OR HOSPITAL BENEFITS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING
8 COMPLETE BILLING INFORMATION FROM THE PROVIDER OF THE BENEFITS OR SERVICES,
9 THE INSURANCE CARRIER OR SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER SHALL PAY INTEREST ON THE
10 UNPAID AMOUNT AT A RATE THAT IS EQUAL TO THE LEGAL RATE. INTEREST SHALL BE
11 CALCULATED BEGINNING ON THE DATE THAT THE PAYMENT TO THE PROVIDER IS DUE.

12 B. THE REMEDY UNDER THIS SECTION IS IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REMEDIES
13 ALLOWED UNDER THE LAW, INCLUDING INVESTIGATION FOR BAD FAITH.