

Bill No.: SF0167 **Effective:** Multiple Dates
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Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0054
Chapter No.: [Chapter Number_RO]
Prime Sponsor: Bebout
Catch Title: Worker's compensation-rate discount, modification & credit.
Subject: Modifying worker's compensation provisions for rate discounts and experience modification ratings and providing a premium credit.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill amends the statute providing discounts to the worker's compensation rates paid by employers. It increases the discount an employer receives for participating in an approved drug and alcohol testing program from five percent (5%) to ten percent (10%), and increases the total of all discounts an employer can receive from twenty-five percent (25%) to thirty percent (30%).
- The bill provides for an out-of-state employer beginning new operations in Wyoming to receive an experience modification rating based on the employer's out of state operations. This rating affects how much the employer's worker's compensation rate will be based on its claim history. The bill allows the Department of Workforce Services to require out-of-state employers to submit any necessary information for the purpose of determining the employer's experience modification rating. The Department is authorized to promulgate rules for this purpose.
- The bill requires the Department of Workforce Services to establish a worker's compensation premium credit for employers who made all required worker's compensation payments for calendar year 2016. This credit will be in an amount determined by the Department and can be used by employers towards their premium obligations between July 1 and December 31, 2017. The Department will implement the premium credit through its rulemaking authority under W.S. 27-14-201(q).

Comments:

- This bill has a split effective date. The section amending the rate discount and experience modification rating statutes is effective July 1, 2017. The section providing the premium credit is effective immediately.

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