

ACT 59

S.B. NO. 2530-82

A Bill for an Act Relating to Workers' Compensation.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 386-78, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§386-78 Compromise. (a) No compromise in regard to a claim for compensation pending before the director shall be valid unless it is approved by decision of the director as conforming to this chapter and made a part of such decision; provided that [such compromise shall not prejudice claimant's right to reopen his case or to future medical benefits.] any compromise in which the claimant waives or otherwise prejudices his right to reopen his case or to future medical benefits shall not be valid unless also approved in writing by the appellate board.

(b) No compromise in regard to a claim for compensation shall be effected and approved in any appeal until after the director has been notified of the proposed terms thereof and has had an opportunity to be heard relative thereto.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 4, 1982.)