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SENATE BILL **186**

AN ACT reestablishing the commission to study soft tissue injuries under workers' compensation and to study the feasibility of developing a first responder's critical injury fund.

SPONSORS: Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Sanborn, Dist 9; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Rep. D. Sullivan, Hills 42; Rep. Proulx, Hills 44

COMMITTEE: Commerce

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill reestablishes the commission to study soft tissue injuries for purposes of workers' compensation and to study the feasibility of developing a first responder's critical injury fund.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 214:1 New Section; Commission Established; Membership; Duties. Amend RSA 281-A by
2 inserting after section 32-b the following new section:

3 281-A:32-c Commission Established; Membership; Duties.

4 I. There is established a commission to study soft tissue injuries for purposes of workers'
5 compensation and to study the feasibility of developing a first responder's critical injury fund.

6 (a) The members of the commission shall be as follows:

7 (1) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8 (2) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
9 house of representatives.

10 (3) The commissioner of the department of employment security, or designee.

11 (4) The commissioner of the department of labor, or designee.

12 (5) The commissioner of the department of insurance, or designee.

13 (6) A representative of a self-funded insurer, appointed by the governor.

14 (7) Two public members representing business interests, appointed by the governor.

15 (8) Two public members representing labor interests, appointed by the governor.

16 (9) A medical professional possessing extensive knowledge of soft tissue injuries,
17 appointed by the governor.

18 (b) Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate
19 when attending to the duties of the commission.

20 II.(a) The commission shall study soft tissue injuries for purposes of workers' compensation.
21 The commission shall also study the feasibility of developing a first responder's critical injury fund.

22 (b) The commission shall solicit information and testimony from any person or entity the
23 commission deems relevant to its study.

24 III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
25 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting
26 of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Five members of
27 the commission shall constitute a quorum.

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1 IV. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
2 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
3 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2015.

4 214:2 Applicability. The commission established in section 1 of this act shall, to the extent
5 possible, consist of the members appointed pursuant to 2014, 242:1.

6 214:3 Repeal. RSA 281-A:32-c, relative to a commission to study soft tissue injuries under
7 workers' compensation and to study the feasibility of developing a first responder's critical injury
8 fund.

9 214:4 Effective Date.

10 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2015.

11 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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13 Approved: July 6, 2015

14 Effective Date: I. Section 3 shall take effect November 1, 2015.

15 II. Remainder shall take effect July 6, 2015.