

Amendment to HB 232-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT making an appropriation to the department of labor for the purpose of reviewing
4 workers' occupational safety requirements.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Appropriation; Department of Labor; Occupational Safety Regulations; Additional Staffing
9 Requirement. Pursuant to RSA 277, the labor commissioner is required to adopt rules to regulate
10 worker safety for employees of the state and its political subdivisions. These rules are due to expire
11 in 2025, and changes in safety requirements and enforcement are likely to require extensive
12 reevaluation of the existing rules, which will require additional staff and resources. To meet this
13 responsibility, the labor commissioner may establish up to 3 additional full-time positions for the
14 purpose of conducting a full and timely review of administrative rules Lab 1400, relative to safety
15 and health of employees. The salary and benefits for such positions shall not exceed \$400,000 and
16 shall be a charge against the department of labor administration fund under RSA 281-A:59 or the
17 restricted fund under RSA 273:1-b, in proportions and amounts proposed by the labor commissioner
18 and approved by the legislative fiscal committee.
19 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the labor commissioner to establish up to 3 additional positions for the purpose of conducting a review and update of administrative rules related to worker occupational safety. The positions shall be funded through the department of labor administration fund and restricted fund.