

PENNSYLVANIA LEVELS THE ECONOMIC PLAYING FIELD THROUGH WORKERS' COMPENSATION REFORM

"Tragically, ironically, the system we designed to help injured workers was costing healthy workers their jobs. With this reform we preserve the sacred contract between workers and employers. As a result, Pennsylvanians' jobs will be preserved. After all, that's what it's all about -- JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!"

-Governor Tom Ridge

GOVERNOR RIDGE'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION REFORM

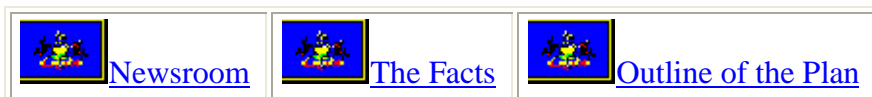
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Act 57, the workers' comp reform bill, was a jobs measure and will allow Pennsylvania businesses the chance to compete on a competitive playing field. Act 57 is good for Pennsylvania workers, good for Pennsylvania businesses and good for Pennsylvania overall. The act encompasses five principals laid out earlier this year by Governor Ridge for meaningful workers' compensation reform:

- facilitate the prompt return of injured workers to the workforce after they recover
- pay benefits only to legitimate claimants
- make sure that benefit payments are comparable with pre-injury earnings
- reduce the costs associated with litigation and administration of workers' comp claims
- guarantee that reform savings will be passed through directly to the employers who pay the premium and benefit expenses

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