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TO: Honorable Helen Giddings, Chair, House Committee on Business & Industry

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2981 by Taylor (Relating to the misuse of the name of the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission; providing penalties.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The provisions of the bill amend the Labor Code by prohibiting the misuse of the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission (TWCC) name or symbols. The Attorney General, at the request of TWCC, shall bring an action to collect a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 for each violation. The Attorney General, or the county attorney, may bring an action to restrain or enjoin a person from violating this section.

TWCC and the Office of the Attorney General anticipate any additional work resulting from the passage of this bill could be reasonably absorbed with current resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 453 Workers' Compensation Commission

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