

Amend **HB 1657** as follows:

Delete Section 1.

Insert the following:

Section 1. INTERIM STUDY BENEFITS AND IMMUNITY. (a) A select interim committee is created to study the benefits of employees covered by workers' compensation and the immunity provided to premises owners and others who provide workers' compensation to employees.

(b) The committee shall be composed of:

(1) three Representatives from the House, appointed by the Speaker;

(2) three Senators, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

(3) three representatives of the executive branch, appointed by the Governor;

(4) representative members from labor, industry, business, insurance, plaintiff's bar, defense bar and the tort reform groups, appointed by the Governor.

(e) On the request of the committee, the Texas Department of Insurance shall provide to Interim Study Committee any information necessary to perform its duties under this section.

(f) Not later than December 1, 2010, the committee shall report the committee's findings and recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor. The committee may include in its recommendations specific legislation that the committee considers desirable to address topics studied by the committee.

(g) The committee is abolished and this Act expires January 16, 2011.