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A Bill

SENATE BILL 286

By: Senator J. Payton

Filed with: Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL WAGE LOSS BENEFITS IN
ADDITION TO SCHEDULED INJURY PAYMENTS UNDER THE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM
INITIATED MEASURE 1948, NO. 4; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT
RESULTED FROM INITIATED MEASURE 1948,
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-9-521(g), concerning an employee
suffering a scheduled injury under the Workers' Compensation Law, is amended
to read as follows:

(g) ~~Any employee suffering a scheduled injury shall not be entitled to
permanent partial disability benefits in excess of the percentage of
permanent physical impairment set forth above except as otherwise provided in
§ 11-9-519(b).~~ In considering a claim for permanent partial disability
benefits in excess of the employee's percentage of permanent physical
impairment, the Workers' Compensation Commission may take into account, in

addition to the percentage of permanent physical impairment, such factors as
the employee's age, education, work experience, and other matters reasonably
expected to affect his or her future earning capacity.

Referred requested by the Arkansas Senate

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