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A Bill

SENATE BILL 286

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-9-521(g), concerning an employee
26 suffering a scheduled injury under the Workers' Compensation Law, is amended
27 to read as follows:

28 (g) ~~Any employee suffering a scheduled injury shall not be entitled to~~
29 ~~permanent partial disability benefits in excess of the percentage of~~
30 ~~permanent physical impairment set forth above except as otherwise provided in~~
31 § 11-9-519(b). In considering a claim for permanent partial disability
32 benefits in excess of the employee's percentage of permanent physical
33 impairment, the Workers' Compensation Commission may take into account, in
34 addition to the percentage of permanent physical impairment, such factors as
35 the employee's age, education, work experience, and other matters reasonably
36 expected to affect his or her future earning capacity.

