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## LEGISLATIVE BILL 2

Approved by the Governor February 10, 1999

Introduced by Executive Board: Coordsen, 32, Chairperson

AN ACT relating to workers' compensation; to amend section 48-145.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate a fee relating to workplace safety that was to be paid in 1994, 1995, and 1996; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal sections 48-447 to 48-449, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 48-145.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

48-145.04. (1) The Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court shall, prior to January 1 of each year, estimate as closely as possible the actual cost to the court of evaluating an application for self-insurance and supervising and administering the self-insurance program for the ensuing year and assess the amount thereof, but not to exceed two thousand dollars, against each applicant for self-insurance in this state. Such assessment shall be in addition to the payments required by subdivision (1)(b) of section 48-145 and sections section 48-1,114. and 48-448. The court shall notify each applicant of the amount of the individual assessment. Such assessment shall be due and payable with the application for self-insurance. If any assessment is not paid, the application shall not be considered.

(2) All payments received under subsection (1) of this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Compensation Court Cash Fund. Such payments shall be expended solely for evaluating applications for self-insurance and to aid in supervising and administering the self-insurance program. After the first year, the balance remaining of such payments at the time each annual assessment is made shall be taken into account when the total assessment for the ensuing year is made.

(3) Any money in the Self-Insurance Cash Fund on September 9, 1993, shall be transferred to the Compensation Court Cash Fund on such date.

Sec. 2. Original section 48-145.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Sec. 3. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections 48-447 to 48-449, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.