

**Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB453

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Ware, R.L.

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Workers' compensation; penalty for failure to pay.

5. Summary: Updates the provision that excuses the Commonwealth from assessment of a penalty for failing to pay workers' compensation benefits when the Commonwealth has issued a regular payroll payment to the employee in lieu of compensation covering the period of disability. The measure allows the payment to be made in any form, and not only by check. The measure also clarifies that a regular payroll payment issued by the Commonwealth includes payments issued net of deductions for elected and mandatory benefits and other standard deductions.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Workers' Compensation Commission reports that this legislation would have no significant fiscal impact and the Department of Human Resource Management reports no fiscal impact. This legislation should save administrative burden for health benefits if they don't have to receive and process payments manually.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Workers' Compensation Commission, the Department of Human Resource Management

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: no

11. Other Comments: n/a

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