

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 4 - 1 - 0

**Yeas:** Avakian, Gordly, Monroe, Prozanski

**Nays:** Beyer

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/28, 3/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Permits the Home Care Commission to elect workers' compensation coverage for home care workers on behalf of clients. Modifies the return-to-work requirement for temporary disability benefits to include employment by any client of the Department of Human Services who employs a home care worker. Allows the Home Care Commission or a designee to write the return-to-work offer on behalf of clients.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Cost of current workers' compensation coverage
- Who is considered a Home Care Commission designee

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Allows the Home Care Commission or a designee to write the return-to-work offer on behalf of the clients of the Department of Human Services.

**BACKGROUND:** The Home Care Commission was established by Ballot Measure 99 passed by the voters in 2000. The Commission serves as the employer of record for home care worker collective bargaining. Home care workers provide in-home care to elderly and disabled persons and are paid through Medicaid. SB 158-A allows the Home Care Commission to elect workers' compensation on behalf of home care workers. In addition, the SB 158-A modifies the return-to-work provisions for temporary disability to allow a worker who needs modified work to work for any client of the Department of Human Services who employs a home care worker, currently the worker would have to stay with the same client.