

UNITED STATES CONGRESS

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Title of Bill:

Code of Federal Regulations Pertaining to U.S. Department of Labor

Title 20 Employees Benefits

Chap. IV Employees Compensation Appeals Board, Department of Labor

An Act to Amend 20 CFR 501.6 to Permit Federal Judicial Review of Decisions of the United States Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs and Employees Compensation Appeals Board

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

1 Preamble: Whereas the Federal Employees' Compensation Act provides workers'
2 compensation coverage to more three million federal and postal workers around the world
3 for employment-related injuries, occupational diseases, and deaths but denies those same
4 federal workers' access to federal judicial review of their federal workers' compensation
5 claims, singles out for discrimination those same workers' as opposed to other similarly
6 affected federal and private workers, and furthermore impedes those federal workers'
7 seeking of medical diagnosis and treatment and compensation for their employment-related
8 injuries, occupational diseases, and deaths, the United States hereby amends 20 CFR 501.6
9 as follows to permit Federal Judicial Review of Decisions of the United States Department
10 of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Office of Workers' Compensation
11 Programs and Employees Compensation Appeals Board

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13 SECTION 1: This act may be cited as, "Decisions."

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15 SECTION 2: The decision of the Board shall contain a written opinion setting forth the
16 reasons for the action taken and an appropriate order. The decision may
17 consist of affirmance, reversal, remand for further development of the
18 evidence, or other appropriate action. A copy of the decision shall be sent by
19 the Board to all parties in interest. The case record shall be returned to the
20 Director with a copy of the decision.

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22 SECTION 3: A decision of not less than two members shall be the decision of the Board.

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24 SECTION 4: The decision of the Board shall be final upon the expiration of 30 days from
25 the date of the filing of the order, unless the Board shall in its order fix a different period of
26 time or reconsideration by the Board is granted.

27 SECTION 5: The final decision of the Board shall be subject to judicial review as provided
28 in Title 5 USC Section 8128..

29 SECTION 6: This bill shall go into effect 91 days after passage.

