

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

Date: April 29, 1998

Bill Subject: Confidentiality of Public Records Relating to the Department of Labor and
Employment Security

Prepared By: Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment - 060575 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment exempts from disclosure under the Public Records law and Article I, Section 24 of the State Constitution, any information in a report of injury or illness filed pursuant to the workers' compensation law that would identify an ill or injured employee. The amendment provides a public necessity statement for the exemption which states that such employee information is sensitive, personal information which, if released, would be an invasion of the employee's privacy, and could lead to discrimination against the employee. Furthermore, the harm caused by releasing medical information about an employee outweighs any public benefit derived from its release.

This exemption amendment is made subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 and is repealed, subject to prior legislative review and reenactment, on October 2, 2003.