

By Senator Williams

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to occupational safety and  
3           health; repealing s. 442.003, F.S., relating to  
4           legislative intent; repealing s. 442.006, F.S.,  
5           relating to investigations and penalties;  
6           repealing s. 442.008, F.S., relating to  
7           authority of the Division of Safety of the  
8           Department of Labor and Employment Security;  
9           repealing s. 442.009, F.S., relating to right  
10          of entry by division representatives; repealing  
11          s. 442.0105, F.S., relating to employers whose  
12          employees have a high frequency of work-related  
13          injuries; repealing s. 442.013, F.S., relating  
14          to employer penalties; repealing s. 442.015,  
15          F.S., relating to cancellation of coverage on  
16          certain employers; repealing s. 442.017, F.S.,  
17          relating to penalties for employers who refuse  
18          to admit certain investigators; repealing s.  
19          442.019, F.S., relating to remedies for  
20          employers who fail to comply with ch. 442,  
21          F.S.; amending s. 442.012, F.S.; revising  
22          workplace safety committee requirements for  
23          public and private employers; providing an  
24          effective date.

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26 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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28           Section 1. Sections 442.003, 442.006, 442.008,  
29 442.009, 442.0105, 442.013, 442.015, 442.017, and 442.019,  
30 Florida Statutes, are repealed.

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1           Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 442.012, Florida  
2 Statutes, is amended to read:

3           442.012 Workplace safety committees and safety  
4 coordinators.--

5           (1) In order to promote health and safety in places of  
6 employment in this state:

7           (a) Each public ~~or private~~ employer ~~of 20 or more~~  
8 ~~employees~~ shall establish and administer a workplace safety  
9 committee in accordance with rules adopted under this section.

10           (b) Each ~~public or private~~ employer is encouraged to  
11 ~~of fewer than 20 employees which is identified by the division~~  
12 ~~as having high frequency or severity of work-related injuries~~  
13 ~~shall~~ establish and administer a workplace safety committee or  
14 designate a workplace safety coordinator who may ~~shall~~  
15 establish and administer workplace safety activities ~~in~~  
16 ~~accordance with rules adopted under this section.~~

17           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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20           SENATE SUMMARY

21           Repeals several provisions relating to powers of the  
22           Division of Safety of the Department of Labor and  
23           Employment Security concerning obligations of employers.  
24           Repeals penalty provisions. Requires public employers to  
25           establish workplace safety committees and encourages  
26           private employers to do the same.  
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