

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OF MAGISTRATES GENERAL RULES

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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES

Rule Set 2019-130 LE would establish numerous rules that would apply to the Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrate's practices and procedures. The Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates hears cases that have received an application with the Workers' Disability Compensation Agency. The rules would update the litigation process for contested claims, allowing better exchange of information between parties; provide earlier magistrate involvement in case development; and allow electronic filing and alternative means of conducting hearings (video conferencing).

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

2019-130 LE would likely result in administrative savings for Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, as the rules would allow for electronic filing and document processing, as well as video meetings. The precise amount of the savings is indeterminate and there would be no fiscal impact on any other state or local government units.

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