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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

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H.B. 81 of the 133rd General Assembly

Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions

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Requires, under specified conditions, the Administrator of Workers' Compensation or a self-insuring employer to pay for services used to determine whether specified safety officers sustained an injury or occupational disease after exposure to a drug or other chemical substance.

Applies the bill's prohibition against an employer refusing or withdrawing from a proposed settlement agreement under specific circumstances to both pending and future claims, rather than future claims only as proposed in the House-passed version of the bill.

Applies to claims arising on or after July 1, 2020, rather than to claims arising on or after the bill's effective date as proposed in the House-passed version, the bill's provision that makes the rendering of medical services, rather than payment for the services as under current law, an event that continues the Industrial Commission's jurisdiction to modify or change a claim or to make a finding or award under a claim.