



# Workers' Compensation Section

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Private Carriers  
 Self-Insured Employers  
 Associations of Self-Insured Employers  
 Third-Party Administrators

FROM: Charles J. Verre, Chief Administrative Officer 

DATE: July 3, 2019

SUBJECT: Repeal of NRS 616C.453 – Suspension of Annual PT Data Call

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Senate Bill 377 (SB 377) of the 2019 Nevada Legislature made changes to Nevada law governing benefits for certain permanently and totally (PT) disabled injured workers in Nevada. This bill became effective July 1, 2019.

SB 377 repealed NRS 616C.453 which required the Division of Industrial Relations to make annual payments to injured employees or their dependents who are permanently and totally (PT) disabled and who are not entitled to the annual increase in benefits pursuant to NRS 616C.473. Therefore, insurers and TPAs are no longer required to submit the Permanent Total Disability Claims report that had been due in August each year. The Workers' Compensation Section (WCS) annual PT data call associated with this repealed statute will not be distributed in July 2019 or thereafter.

SB 377 additionally amends NRS 616C.473 by providing for a 2.3 percent annual increase in compensation for permanent total disability benefits to injured employees and dependents of injured employees as a result of an industrial injury or disablement which occurred before January 1, 2004 to be paid by the insurer. The compensation must be increased on January 1, 2020 and on January 1 each year thereafter. Insurers who pay the increase in compensation for these injured employees may request reimbursement from the Division of Industrial Relations on or before March 31, 2021 for payments made in calendar year 2020.

More information will be forthcoming regarding the requirements and process for requesting such reimbursements. Our website will also be updated as new information becomes available. Please visit us at <http://dir.nv.gov/WCS/home/>.