

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on February 15, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 1, Level 2, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following rule as summarized below.

4123-19-03 Where an employer desires to secure the privilege to pay compensation and benefits directly

In response to the statutory changes to R.C 4123.343 contained in Am. Sub. H.B. 281 of the 134th General Assembly replacing the term “handicapped employee” with “employee with a disability” effective April 6, 2023, BWC proposes to change references to “handicap” in this rule to “disability.”

The full and complete text of the proposed rules is available on the Register of Ohio (<http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us>) and Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Rules Under Review (<https://info.bwc.ohio.gov/about-bwc/agency-overview/ohio-administrative-code/OAC-rules-under-review>) websites, and is on file in the office of the Secretary of State (180 East Broad Street, 15th Floor, Columbus, Ohio), the Legislative Service Commission (77 South High Street, 9th Floor, Columbus, Ohio), the office of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (77 South High Street, Concourse Level, Columbus, Ohio), and the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Legal Division (30 West Spring Street, 26th Floor, Columbus, Ohio).

All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Any interested party unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments to the undersigned prior to the public hearing at enotification@bwc.state.oh.us.

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