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## 2017 SENATE BILL 235

May 11, 2017 - Introduced by Senators STROEBEL, KAPENGA, MARKLEIN, NASS and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives SPIROS, KNODL, ALLEN, R. BROOKS, JACQUE, KREMER, MACCO, PETERSEN, QUINN, THIESFELDT and HUTTON. Referred to Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 15.227 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** the composition of the  
2     Council on Worker's Compensation.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill makes various changes to the Council on Worker's Compensation in the Department of Workforce Development. Under current law, the council consists of a designated employee of DWD who serves as chairperson, five representatives of employers, five representatives of employees, and, as nonvoting members, three representatives of worker's compensation insurers authorized to do business in this state. Under the bill, the proportion of representatives of employees who are representatives of organized labor on the council must be the same as the proportion of employees in this state who are union members.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3     **SECTION 1.** 15.227 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4     15.227 (4) COUNCIL ON WORKER'S COMPENSATION. There is created in the  
5     department of workforce development a council on worker's compensation appointed  
6     by the secretary of workforce development to consist of a designated employee of the

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1 department of workforce development as chairperson, 5 representatives of  
2 employers, and 5 representatives of employees. The number of representatives of  
3 employees who are representatives of organized labor shall be in the same proportion  
4 as the number of employees represented by organized labor in this state compared  
5 to the total number of employees in this state, but may not be less than 2. The  
6 secretary of workforce development shall also appoint 3 representatives of insurers  
7 authorized to do worker's compensation insurance business in this state as  
8 nonvoting members of the council.

**SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

10 (1) COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL ON WORKER'S COMPENSATION. Within 30 days after  
11 the effective date of this subsection, the secretary of workforce development shall  
12 remove all employer and employee representatives on the council on worker's  
13 compensation. On the date on which the employer and employee representatives are  
14 removed in accord with this subsection, the secretary of workforce development shall  
15 appoint 5 representatives of employers and 5 representatives of employees in  
16 accordance with section 15.227 (4) of the statutes, as affected by this act. This  
17 subsection does not preclude the secretary of workforce development from  
18 reappointing to the council on worker's compensation a representative of employers  
19 or representative of employees who was removed from that council under this  
20 subsection.

21 (END)