

**SUMMARY OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION CHANGES MADE
DURING THE 2006 SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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House Bill No. 2905

Provides for an Affidavit of Exempt Status through the Insurance Department and civil penalties against an employer that knowingly and willfully requires an employee or subcontractor to execute an affidavit knowing the individual is subject to the Workers' Compensation Act. The affidavit creates a rebuttable presumption that the affiant is an independent contractor exempt from the Workers' Compensation Act. The bill also requires workers' compensation policies to include a provision giving the insured employer the option of choosing a small deductible amount for both medical and indemnity benefits. **Amends** 85 O.S., Sections 11, 61, 64 and 65. The Affidavit of Exempt Status changes became **effective on June 7, 2006**. The insurance deductibles language became **effective July 1, 2006**.

House Bill No. 2867

This bill concerns CompSource Oklahoma personnel. It adds CompSource information systems personnel to the unclassified service, permits CompSource to develop a plan for incentive-based compensation for its employees, and allows the President and Chief Executive Officer of CompSource to contract with or appoint agents or brokers, provided the agents and brokers do not contract with or have an appointment solely with CompSource. **Amends** 74 O.S., Section 850-5.10 and 85 O.S., Section 133. The measure became **effective July 1, 2006**.

Senate Bill No. 1190

Section 4 of the bill (uncodified) authorizes monies appropriated to the Rural Fire Revolving Fund to be used to pay a \$5,000 disability death benefit for volunteer firefighters that die in the performance of their duties as volunteer firefighters. The section became **effective April 4, 2006**.