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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In response to concerns regarding premium costs for Illinois employers responsible for providing Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage for their employees, the State of Illinois enacted Public Act 97-0018 which created a substantial reduction in benefits for injured workers, with the intention of providing employers relief from the high costs of workers' compensation premiums; and

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WHEREAS, As a result of this Act, the National Council on Compensation Insurance has subsequently recommended premium rate reductions totaling nearly 20% for Illinois employers; and

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WHEREAS, If fully implemented by insurers, such a rate reduction would provide Illinois' employers with nearly \$1 billion in premium savings; and

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WHEREAS, Employers have experienced premium reductions of \$315 million, which represents only a fraction of the \$1 billion that would have been saved via full implementation of the recommended rate reductions; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Workers'

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1 Compensation Premium Rates Task Force consisting of 12 members
2 appointed as follows: 2 legislative members appointed by the
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives; 2 legislative members
4 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
5 Representatives; 2 legislative members appointed by the
6 President of the Senate; 2 legislative members appointed by the
7 Minority Leader of the Senate; one member representing a
8 statewide association representing retailers; one member of a
9 statewide association representing manufacturers; one member
10 of a statewide association representing labor interests; and
11 one member of a statewide association representing injured
12 workers; 2 chairpersons, representing different political
13 parties, shall be selected by the members of the Task Force;
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study the National
16 Council on Compensation Insurance's recommendations for
17 workers' compensation premium rates and the extent to which
18 Illinois employers' actual premiums reflect these recommended
19 rates; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings and
21 recommendations to the Illinois House of Representatives and
22 the Illinois Senate no later than December 31, 2015.