HOUSE BILL 584

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Hourse BILL NO. 584 Whalen Torz 1 2 INTRODUCED BY 3 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF ATTORNEY FEES PAYABLE TO A DEFENSE ATTORNEY IN A WORKERS' 5 COMPENSATION CASE." 6 7 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: 9 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Defense attorney defined --10 fee. (1) As used in this section, "defense attorney" means 11 any attorney other than the injured worker's attorney. 12 (2) A defense attorney in a workers' compensation case 13 may not receive: 14 (a) more than the amount awarded to the injured 15 worker's attorney; or (b) payment by fee or otherwise for any work in a case 16 17 on which the defense attorney does not prevail. 18 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. 19 [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part 20 of Title 39, chapter 71, part 6, and the provisions of Title 21 39, chapter 71, part 6, apply to [section 1]. -End-

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