## HOUSE BILL NO. 512

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1 PROVIDING THAT COMPENSATION INSURER THAT REVERSES A DECISION TO DENY OR TERMINATE COMPENSATION FOR A CLAIM MUST PAY COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES; AMENDING SECTION 39-71-611. MCA.\* BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: 10 Section 1. Section 39-71-611, MCA, is amended to read: 11 \*39-71-611. Costs and attorneys\* fees payable on 12 denial of claim or termination of benefits later found 13 compensable. In the event an insurer denies liability for a 14 claim for compensation or terminates compensation benefits 15 and the claim is later adjudged compensable by the workers\* 16 compensation judge or on appeal or the insurer reverses its 17 decision and honors the claim, the insurer shall pay reasonable costs and attorneys\* fees as established by the 18 19 workers\* compensation judge.\*\*

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