

# LEGISLATIVE ALERT

BREAKING LEGISLATIVE NEWS FROM THE KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS

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## Contact Senators Immediately to Stop Costly Worker's Comp Bill

**Anti-business advocates** are trying to pull a **slick end-run around Kentucky manufacturers** and other businesses to amend the Kentucky Worker's Comp Act and **avoid lowering your Worker's Comp claim costs.**

The American Medical Association (AMA) periodically issues guidelines on how physicians should evaluate permanent impairment injuries. The AMA's Sixth Edition guides are scheduled to go into effect July 1, 2008.

While **some** provisions of the new guidelines will raise costs, under the new guidelines, physicians have **lowered** the all-important maximum numerical rating for cervical and lumbar fusions from 28 percent to only 12 percent because 28 percent was "unreasonable and in non-conformity with appropriate protocols." **This new rating would lower costs for manufacturers beginning July 1, 2008.**

**SB 199** would suspend current law and prevent Kentucky from adopting the most recent guidelines, erasing millions of dollars in potential savings for employers.

**SB 199 could be heard in committee tomorrow.** It is critical that you contact Senate leaders and members of the Judiciary Committee to tell them that now is not the time to eliminate important cost savings for employers. Below is the list of the members of the Judiciary Committee. Please contact them and your State Senator to stop this legislation!

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