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Legislative "Job Killer" Passed by the California Senate

Senate Bill 936, introduced by Senator Don Perata, and referred to by the California Chamber of Commerce as one of two legislative 'job killers' currently moving through the legislature, was approved on June 4, 2007 by the California Senate in a 22-13 vote.

The Bill proposes a graduated increase in the duration of permanent disability benefits to injured workers. Over the next three years, beginning with injuries sustained on or after January 1, 2008 and culminating with a doubling of the duration of permanent disability payments to injured workers who sustain injuries on or after January 1, 2010, the number of weeks that permanent disability would be payable to an injured worker would be increased under SB 936.

SB 936 has now been forwarded to the California Assembly for consideration and voting. However, in a recent statement before the California Chamber of Commerce, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger reaffirmed his commitment to veto any legislation put before him that proposes to 'roll back' the workers' compensation reforms set forth in SB 899.

Most industry observers believe that the substantial increase in permanent disability benefits described in SB 936 will be vetoed if the Bill passes the State Assembly and is put before Governor Schwarzenegger.

To view SB 936, as passed by the California Senate, [click here](#).

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