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Amendment to Amendment (832931) (with directory and title amendments)

On line(s) 1086, insert:

Section 41. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 440.107, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

440.107 Department powers to enforce employer compliance with coverage requirements.--

(7)(a) Whenever the department determines that an employer who is required to secure the payment to his or her employees of the compensation provided for by this chapter has failed to secure the payment of workers' compensation required by this chapter or to produce the required business records under subsection (5) within 5 business days after receipt of the written request of the department, such failure shall be deemed

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an immediate serious danger to public health, safety, or welfare sufficient to justify service by the department of a stop-work order on the employer, requiring the cessation of all business operations. If the department makes such a determination, the department shall issue a stop-work order within 72 hours. The order shall take effect when served upon the employer or, for a particular employer work site, when served at that work site. In addition to serving a stop-work order at a particular work site which shall be effective immediately, the department shall immediately proceed with service upon the employer which shall be effective upon all employer work sites in the state for which the employer is not in compliance. A stop-work order may be served with regard to an employer's work site by posting a copy of the stop-work order in a conspicuous location at the work site. The order shall remain in effect until the department issues an order releasing the stop-work order upon a finding that the employer has come into compliance with the coverage requirements of this chapter and has paid any penalty assessed under this section. The department may issue an order of conditional release from a stop-work order to an employer upon a finding that the employer has complied with coverage requirements of this chapter and has agreed to remit periodic payments of the penalty pursuant to a payment agreement schedule with the department. If an order of conditional release is issued, failure by the employer to meet any term or condition of such penalty payment agreement shall result in the immediate reinstatement of the stop-work order and the entire unpaid balance of the penalty shall become immediately due. The

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department may require an employer who is found to have failed to comply with the coverage requirements of s. 440.38 to file with the department, as a condition of release from a stop-work order, periodic reports for a probationary period that shall not exceed 2 years that demonstrate the employer's continued compliance with this chapter. The department shall by rule specify the reports required and the time for filing under this subsection.

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Remove line(s) 1174 and insert:

drug test under certain circumstances; amending s. 440.107, F.S.; authorizing the department to issue an order of conditional release from a stop-work order if an employer complies with coverage requirements and a penalty payment agreement; amending ss. 440.05,