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As Introduced

Subject Occupational Safety and Health Act Data

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Overview

This bill makes changes to Occupational Safety and Health Act data and other provisions under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 182.

Summary

Section Description

1 Authority to inspect.

Modifies existing law outlining the Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (MNOSHA) authority to inspect places of employment to add that neither an employer nor an employer's representative can be present for any employee interview.

2 Protection from subpoena; data.

Modifies existing law protecting the commissioner of labor and industry or an employee of the department from facing a subpoena relating to an occupational safety and health inspection, to remove certain language and to include both former and current employees of the department.

3 Classification of citation data.

Adds a subdivision making written MNOSHA citations and any notice of contest that is filed public 20 days after an employer has received them. Makes all parts of the citation public.

4 Contestation of time for correction of a violation.

Adds a subdivision clarifying the procedure if an employer contests the time period to correct a nonserious, nonwillful, or nonrepeat violation. Also provides for a referral to the Office of Administrative Hearings for an expedited contested case hearing if an employer contests the time period to correct a serious, willful, or repeat violation.

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5 Safety committees.

Modifies the safety committee requirements under existing law. Provides that an employer with 25 or fewer employees who is required to have A Workplace Accident and Injury Reduction (AWAIR) program under existing law is also required to establish and administer a safety committee as provided under this section.



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