



# Alaska State Legislature

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## Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 169

**Short Title:** WORKERS' COMPENSATION RECORDS

### Summary:

- Stipulates that an employee's name, address, social security number and telephone number contained in a person's Medical or Rehabilitation records on file with the Division of Worker's Compensation are not public records subject to public inspection.
- Allows an employee to authorize the disclosure of such personal information by signing a declaration on a form provided by the division.

### Benefits:

- Protects the privacy of individuals who have filed a claim under the Workers' Compensation Act.

### Background:

- As introduced in 2005, SB 169 prohibited the Division of Workers' Compensation from assembling or providing information relating to individual records outside the scope of the Workers' Compensation Act. That section was incorporated into another bill and enacted through Chapter 10, FSSLA 2005. However, in the recent case *Kuebler v. Lisankie et.al.*, the Alaska Superior court found the statute to be ambiguous. Further, it found that the public right to access information outweighed an individual's right to privacy, absent a solid argument from the State in that litigation. The court found that the State did not submit any solid legislative intent or history on the matter. SB 169 is an attempt to clarify the Legislature's intent.