

SC Workers' Compensation Commission

Fines and Fees Report FY 2019

September 3, 2019

Pursuant to Proviso 117.73 the Commission reports the following aggregate amounts of fines and fees charged and collected by the Commission during FY2019.

Hearing Fee -- \$1,070,550

As authorized by Part 1B Section 74.2 of the 2018-2019 Appropriations Act the Commission collected \$1,070,550 from claimants, attorneys and insurance carriers as a result of a \$50.00 filing fee for each request for hearing, settlement, or motion. The funds were utilized for the operations of the Commission (Section §42-3-105).

Self-Insurance Application Fee -- \$ 5,825

As authorized by SC Regulation 67-1501 F (2) the Commission collected \$5,825 from employers filing a \$25.00 filing fee accompanying an application to the Commission for membership in a self-insurance fund. The funds were utilized for the operations of the Commission (Section §42-3-105).

Filing Violation Fee -- \$2,281,873

The Commission is authorized to collect from an employer or an insurance carrier a penalty fee of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each refusal or neglect for violations of filing required forms, records and reports as necessary for the proper handling or adjudication of a claim (Section §42-19-30). The funds were utilized for the operations of the Commission (Section §42-3-105).

The Commission is authorized to collect a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than two hundred fifty dollars for each day of failing to file a report of insurance coverage from an insurance carrier within 30 days from the inception date of the coverage (Section §42-19-50). The funds were utilized for the operations of the Commission (Section §42-3-105).

Award Review Fee -- \$34,400

Section 42-17-50 authorizes the Commission to collect a fee for each application for commission review. The fee is \$150 and is equal to that charged in circuit court for filing a summons and complaint. The funds are to defray the costs of the review.

Training Conference fee -- \$13,562

The Commission sponsored two educational seminars, Nuts and Bolts for Workers' Compensation and Claims Administration Made Easy (CAME) for stakeholders during FY2019. The registration fee per person was \$50 for Nuts and Bolts and \$60 for CAME. The funds collected from attendees offset the cost of the production of materials and workbooks distributed

to attendees and food. Proviso 74.1 in the State Appropriations Act authorizes the Commission to retain all revenue earned from educational seminars for the printing of educational materials and other expenses related to conducting the seminar.

Photocopying fee -- \$63,317

The Commission provides copies of documents related to claims filed with the Commission. As authorized by Section §30-4-30 of the SC Code the Commission charges \$20 for research and the first 20 pages produced and \$.50 per page for each page thereafter.

Sale of listings and labels -- \$4,175

Revenues collected for copies of documents related to claims filed with the Commission, listings of proof of coverage transactions research of individuals claims filed with the Commission. The Commission charges \$20 for research and the first 20 copies and \$.50 per page for each page thereafter. Proof of coverage transactions subscriptions are \$300 per year and research for an individual's claim history is \$25 per individual (Section §30-4-30 of the SC Code).