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The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations promotes economic vitality, safety, and fairness for Missouri's businesses and workers.

**Office of the Director** determines policy, coordinates legislative issues and provides oversight of the Department's strategic plan. Administrative sections provide centralized services necessary for day-to-day operations of the Department.

**Labor and Industrial Relations Commission (LIRC)** provides oversight of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. It is composed of three commissioners appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The LIRC hears appeals of claims on Workers' Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, and Tort Victims' Compensation as well as objections to Prevailing Wage Orders.

**Division of Labor Standards (DLS)** is comprised of five sections. The Research and Analysis Section collects and analyzes data relating to occupational and work-related injuries and fatalities in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Wage and Hour Section enforces wage and hour laws and calculates annual prevailing wage/average hourly wage rates. Free safety consultation services for Missouri employers designed to help them stay in compliance with federal regulations are provided by the On-Site Safety and Health Consultation Program. Mine and Cave Safety staff inspect mines and show caves operating in Missouri and train miners prior to their beginning employment and annually thereafter to ensure safe and healthy work habits. The Mine and Cave Safety staff also assist with rescue and recovery efforts should there be a mining accident in Missouri. The Workers' Safety Program, funded by the Workers' Compensation Fund, certifies the safety programs of workers' compensation insurance carriers, certifies safety consultants and rehabilitation facilities for Second Injury Fund Rehab benefits, and assists employers in developing programs to improve workplace safety and eliminate hazards.

**State Board of Mediation (SBM)** is a quasi-judicial board that administers the Public Sector Labor Law (RSMo. Chapter 105.500 - 105.530). Duties include the definition of appropriate bargaining units of employees; certification of bargaining units; determination of majority representation status by secret ballot elections.

**Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC)** provides oversight of programs that provide services to workers who have been injured or exposed to occupational disease in the course of employment. Administrative Law Judges approve settlements or issue awards after hearings related to compensation for injured workers. Line of Duty Compensation for the families of emergency workers killed on the job, payments to uncompensated Tort Victims, and oversight for the Second Injury Fund are also administered by the division.

**Division of Employment Security (DES)** administers Missouri's Unemployment Insurance (UI) program, a joint state-federal program funded by the Unemployment Tax paid by employers. These funds are held in the Missouri Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund (UTF) and payment of benefits for regular unemployment are made from this fund. There are also special unemployment programs available to qualified individuals.

**Missouri Commission on Human Rights (MCHR)** works to prevent and eliminate discrimination; investigates complaints of discrimination under the Missouri Human Rights Act; and facilitates fair and timely resolutions of discrimination claims.

