[Urging enactment of SB71]

Resolution urging California Governor Gray Davis to sign SB71, Senator John Burton's Worker's Compensation bill.

WHEREAS, Existing California State law provides for the assessment of civil penalties for acts constituting workers' compensation fraud; and,

WHEREAS, SB71, sponsored by Senator John Burton and passed by the California State legislature would authorize use of these penalty funds for investigation and prosecution of an employer's willful failure to secure payment of workers' compensation; and,

WHEREAS, SB71 would also require the Bureau of State Audits to evaluate the effectiveness of the efforts of the Fraud Assessment Commission, the Bureau of Fraudulent Claims, the Department of Industrial Relations, and local law enforcement agencies in identifying, investigating, and prosecuting workers' compensation fraud and the willful failure to secure payment of workers' compensation; and,

WHEREAS, SB71 would also increase the civil penalty amounts that could be imposed for workers' compensation fraud; and,

WHEREAS, Workers who are injured on the job deserve full compensation and employers who willfully fail to secure payment of workers compensation should be penalized appropriately; and,

WHEREAS, The State of California cannot expect to identify employers who skirt workers compensation law unless sufficient

efforts are made to investigate failure to pay workers who have a right to compensation under the law; and,

WHEREAS, SB71 includes additional penalties for workers compensation fraud, making it fair-minded legislation that addresses worker and employer abuse of workers compensation laws; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges Governor Davis to sign SB71, Senator John Burton's workers compensation bill.



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Resolution

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October 15, 2001	, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee	
F	ile No. 011806	I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 15, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.
		Diécone R. Nobo
		Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board
	Date Approved	Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: October 26, 2001

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Boafo