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# BWC's Updated Interstate Jurisdiction Policy

Many Ohio employers have employees who work in other states. Senate Bill 334 changed the law so employers with out-of-state workers compensation policies can separate their payroll (Ohio versus non-Ohio). As a result, Ohio employers will only pay Ohio premiums based on the payroll for labor or services performed only in Ohio. This law also requires Ohio to recognize other states workers' compensation coverage for employees temporarily working in Ohio. This only applies for states that recognize Ohio workers' compensation coverage for employers that have employees temporarily working in other states. Ohio will consider an employee temporary if they work in Ohio 90 days or less.

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) offers a Confirmation of Coverage letter for Ohio employers that have employees working out-of-state. For a customized letter, please go to [www.ohiobwc.com](http://www.ohiobwc.com) and click on the link for **Interstate Jurisdiction**, then click on the **email** link to request the letter from BWC.

In order to comply with this new law, BWC has updated the First Report of Injury (FROI) form. The language in the paragraph "Benefit application/medical release" has changed. The wording now includes the injured employee waives his or her right to benefits or compensation from another state if BWC allows his or her claim. In addition, the BWC can recoup benefits or compensation paid to an injured employee if they also receive benefits or compensation from another state for the same injury or illness. A copy of the revised First Report of Injury (FROI) can be found at [www.sheakley.com](http://www.sheakley.com) or [www.ohiobwc.com](http://www.ohiobwc.com).

For more information regarding the BWC's Interstate Jurisdiction policy, please refer to [www.ohiobwc.com](http://www.ohiobwc.com), call your employer service specialist, or contact your Sheakley UniComp Client Relations Manager at 888-743-2559.

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