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claimant; guardian ad litem; procedure

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# **HOUSE BILL 2198**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 23-1066, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2       Section 1. Section 23-1066, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4           23-1066. Minor or incapacitated claimant; appointment of  
5           guardian ad litem; procedure

6       A. When it appears to the commission that a claimant for  
7 compensation or death benefits is a minor or ~~incompetent~~ INCAPACITATED  
8 person, the commission ~~may, upon~~ ON motion of any party to the proceedings  
9 or ~~upon~~ ON its own motion, MAY appoint a ~~trustee or~~ guardian ad litem to  
10 ~~appear for and represent the BEST INTERESTS OF THE~~ minor or ~~incompetent~~  
11 INCAPACITATED person, ~~upon such terms and conditions as it deems proper~~  
12 ~~under this chapter or under the rules of the commission made pursuant~~  
13 ~~thereto.~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RULES OF THE  
14 COMMISSION AND THIS CHAPTER. If required by the commission, the ~~trustee~~  
15 ~~or~~ guardian AD LITEM shall give bond in the form and character required by  
16 law from a guardian AD LITEM appointed by ~~or~~ THE superior court, and in  
17 such amount as the commission determines. The bond shall be approved by  
18 the commission, and the ~~trustee or~~ guardian AD LITEM shall not be  
19 discharged from liability until ~~he files~~ THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM FILES an  
20 account with the commission or with the superior court in the county in  
21 which the minor or ~~incompetent~~ INCAPACITATED person resides, and until the  
22 account, after due notice, is approved.

23       B. The ~~trustee or~~ guardian AD LITEM shall receive ~~such~~ compensation  
24 for ~~this~~ THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM'S services as is fixed and allowed by the  
25 commission or by ~~or~~ THE superior court.