

(C) THE COMMISSION MAY ASSESS A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 ON AN INSURER THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.

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(g) (1) Each governmental self-insurance group shall have in the State an office run by a competent individual who handles all of the workers' compensation work in the State for the governmental self-insurance group.

[(2) A governmental self-insurance group that violates any provision of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

(3) The Commission may prohibit self-insurance by a governmental self-insurance group that is convicted under this subsection.]

(2) EACH GOVERNMENTAL SELF-INSURANCE GROUP SHALL ESTABLISH A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER THROUGH WHICH AN EMPLOYEE OR CLAIMANT, OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN EMPLOYEE OR CLAIMANT, MAY MAKE DIRECT TELEPHONE INQUIRIES DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

(3) THE COMMISSION MAY ASSESS A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 ON A GOVERNMENTAL SELF-INSURANCE GROUP THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THIS SUBSECTION.

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(d) (1) Each employer [who] THAT self-insures under this section shall have in the State an office run by a competent individual who handles all of the workers' compensation work in the State for the employer.

[(2) An employer who violates any provision of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

(3) The Commission may prohibit self-insurance by an employer who is convicted under this subsection.]

(2) EACH EMPLOYER THAT SELF-INSURES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL ESTABLISH A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER THROUGH WHICH AN EMPLOYEE OR CLAIMANT, OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN EMPLOYEE OR CLAIMANT, MAY MAKE DIRECT TELEPHONE INQUIRIES DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

(3) THE COMMISSION MAY ASSESS A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 ON A SELF-INSURER THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October June 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.