WORKER'S COMPENSATION ACT

TERMS: Every farmer or other agricultural operation that employs 6 or more workers at one or more locations, working on the same day for 20 or more days during the year, is required to have workers' compensation insurance covering the operation's employees. The employer must obtain insurance within 10 days after reaching the 20-day threshold.

A farmworker who is injured while performing services for such an employer is entitled to (1) coverage of all reasonable and necessary medical costs, (2) cash payments for temporary loss of wages while the worker is recovering from the injury, (3) cash payments for permanent disability if the worker does not fully recover from the injury, (4) vocational rehabilitation, and (5) death benefits and payment of burial expenses if death occurs as a result of the injury.

ENFORCEMENT: *Worker's Compensation Division, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Madison, Wisconsin 53707 (608-266-1340).* An injured worker should notify the employer within 30 days of any injury, or, in the case of an occupational disease, within 30 days after the worker becomes aware of the disability and its relation to the employment.