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Senate Bill 1308 (as introduced 5-9-02)  
Sponsor: Senator Glenn D. Steil  
Committee: Human Resources and Labor

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Worker's Disability Compensation Act to allow a subpoena to be signed by an attorney of record for either party to a contested claim. The attorney would have to be licensed by the State Bar of Michigan. The subpoena would have to comply with the format of the Bureau of Worker's and Unemployment Compensation.

The bill specifies that if a subpoena were signed by an attorney, it would have the same force and effect as an order signed by the Bureau director or a workers' compensation magistrate. Records subpoenaed could be sent to the attorney of record issuing the subpoena unless directed otherwise by the director or the workers' compensation magistrate assigned to the contested claim. (An authorized signature would include signatures written by hand, printed, stamped, typewritten, engraved, photographed, or lithographed.)

Currently, the director, workers' compensation magistrates, and arbitrators have the power to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses, and examine the parts of the books and records of the parties to a proceeding that relate to questions in dispute.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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