Legal Title
Workplace Health and Safety Revolving Fund

Legal Citation/Authority
Chapter 892, Statutes of 1989
Labor Code section 55.5

Purpose
A depository for civil and administrative penalties assessed, as specified, to be expended by the Department of Industrial Relations, upon approval by the Health and Safety Commission, for funding grants to assist in establishing effective occupational injury and illness prevention programs, as specified.

Administering Agency/Organization Code
Department of Industrial Relations/Org 7350

Major Revenue Source
Administrative penalties assessed against an insurer, self-insured employer, or third-party administrator for 1) failure to comply with the notice of assessment, 2) failure to pay when due (medical costs), and 3) failure to comply with any rule or regulation of the administrative director, as specified.

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)
Grants to employers and employee organizations to assist in establishing effective occupational injury and illness prevention programs, as specified.

Appropriation Authority
Section 55.5 of the Labor Code provides that the proceeds of the fund shall be expended by the department upon approval by the commission, when appropriated by the Legislature.

State Appropriations Limit
Always Excluded - Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes and even after transfer, will never become proceeds of taxes because the major revenue source is derived from fines and penalties.

Comments/Historical Information
Chapter 6, Statutes of 2002 redirected the deposit of civil and administrative penalties assessed and collected pursuant to Labor Code Sections 129.5 and 4628, for deposit into the Workers’ Compensation Administration Revolving Fund (0223). Chapter 227, Statutes of 1993 (SB 1005) abolishes this fund.