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To The Editor

Worker's Comp. Law's Retroactivity Issue

If I see another letter, article or case seeking to interpret the legislative history of the Omnibus Workers' Compensation Reform Act of 1996. I think I will be bored into retirement. Notwithstanding the recent Appellate Division ruling in *Morales v. Gross*, denying retroactivity, there still remains a large captive audience awaiting what the Court of Appeals decides on that issue. The inexplicable part of all this is the Legislature's inaction in the face of all of this costly litigation.

Why the Legislature does not simply issue an amendment to its legislation when confronted with differing interpretations of a statute's application would probably make little sense to the public, were they alerted to this waste. Indeed, it is ultimately the public that pays for the unnecessary attorney time spent debating whether the Omnibus Workers' Compensation Reform Act of 1996 should be applied retroactively or not. A line in the statute, such as "The Act will only be applied prospectively," would suffice.

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