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S.F. No. 2955 – Workers' Compensation Covid-19 Presumption Reimbursement

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Section 1. Workers' compensation Covid-19 presumption reimbursement.

Subdivision 1. **Fund created.** Creates a workers' compensation COVID-19 presumption reimbursement fund for employees in job classifications that would otherwise be entitled to a workers' compensation presumption established for certain frontline workers, but for a date of injury occurring during a specified time period when the presumption was unavailable. Specifies that the reimbursements will be made by the commissioner of labor and industry.

Subdivision 2. **Submission for reimbursement.** Requires eligible employees to submit requests to the commissioner for reimbursements to be received on a first-come, first-served basis. Prohibits reimbursements from being issued after December 31, 2022.

Subdivision 3. **Report to legislature.** Requires the commissioner to report to the legislature regarding reimbursements paid to employees by February 15, 2023.

Section 2. **Appropriation; Workers' compensation Covid-19 presumption reimbursements.** Appropriates an unspecified amount from the workers' compensation fund for the workers' compensation COVID-19 presumption reimbursement fund. Specifies that the funds are available until December 31, 2022.

Effective Date. The effective date for **sections 1 and 2** is the day following final enactment.