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Readers of this blog post know that this author has long contended that business is “taking advantage” of the fact that we have just gone through a Great Recession to gain an advantage in negotiations on Workers’ Compensation reform. The “driver” of reform is that the system is causing Illinois to lose jobs to neighboring States. Of course, if this were true, it would be a cause for concern and perhaps a look at decreasing the cost of doing business by lowering benefits to injured workers might make economic sense.

So, what if I told you that since April, 2010, the State of Illinois has created 66,000 jobs? What if I told you that since that date Illinois had created more jobs than 45 other States? This is a fact, Illinois was the #5 job creating State in the country since April, 2010! CareerBuilder.com ranked Illinois 10th on its list of Best States to find employment. None of our bordering States made this list!

You can read the article at:

http://www.theworkbuzz.com/employment/best-and-worst-states-for-job-seekers/?cobrand=msn&utm_source=MSN&utm_medium=MSNHP&utm_campaign=MSNCareers>1=23000

Simply copy and paste this web address into your browser to read the entire article. This independent source of facts has no ax to grind in our political arena. However, this author believes that this is the type of good news that the Chicago Tribune should be printing instead of the “party line” drivel. Whether fact or fiction will dominate the discussion of Workers’ Compensation reform in Illinois is uncertain, but what is certain is that the legislators are maintaining their interest in a deform of rights of injured workers.