

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Business, Labor, & Technology.

SB21-197 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 9, after "PHYSICIAN." insert "THE  
2 EMPLOYEE MAY DESIGNATE A LEVEL I ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN ONLY IF  
3 REFERRED BY A LEVEL II ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN."

4 Page 4, line 2, after "PHYSICIAN." insert "THE EMPLOYER OR INSURER MAY  
5 DESIGNATE A LEVEL I ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN ONLY IF REFERRED BY A  
6 LEVEL II ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN."

7 Page 9, after line 23 insert:

8 "(III) A SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER OR INSURER MAY REQUEST A  
9 CHANGE FROM AN EMPLOYEE'S DESIGNATED PHYSICIAN TO A PHYSICIAN  
10 FROM A DESIGNATED PROVIDER LIST OF LEVEL II ACCREDITED PHYSICIANS.  
11 THE REQUEST MUST BE IN WRITING ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE  
12 DIRECTOR AND WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE REQUEST PROVIDED TO THE  
13 EMPLOYEE. THE REQUEST MUST BE MADE BETWEEN SIXTY AND ONE  
14 HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF INJURY. WITHIN TWENTY  
15 DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE OF THE REQUEST, THE EMPLOYEE MAY OBJECT TO  
16 THE REQUESTED CHANGE ON THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DIRECTOR,  
17 WHICH FORM MUST INCLUDE NOTICE TO THE SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER OR  
18 INSURER. IF NO TIMELY OBJECTION IS SUBMITTED, THE REQUEST TO  
19 CHANGE SHALL BE GRANTED. IF A TIMELY OBJECTION IS SUBMITTED, THE  
20 CHANGE WILL BE DEEMED TO BE DENIED, PENDING AN APPLICATION BY THE  
21 SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER OR INSURER FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING ON THE  
22 MERITS. AN APPLICATION FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING MUST BE FILED  
23 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DIRECTOR'S RECEIPT OF THE EMPLOYEE'S  
24 TIMELY NOTICE OF OBJECTION.

25 (IV) A SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER OR INSURER MAY DESIGNATE A  
26 LEVEL I ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN ONLY IF REFERRED BY A LEVEL II  
27 ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN."

28 Page 10, line 16, after "PHYSICIAN." insert "THE INJURED EMPLOYEE MAY  
29 DESIGNATE A NEW LEVEL I ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN ONLY IF REFERRED BY  
30 A LEVEL II ACCREDITED PHYSICIAN."

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