

SB21-197 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2 **"SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-42-105, **amend**
3 (3)(d)(I) as follows:

4 **8-42-105. Temporary total disability.** (3) Temporary total
5 disability benefits shall continue until the first occurrence of any one of
6 the following:

7 (d) (I) The attending physician, AN AUTHORIZED TREATING
8 PHYSICIAN, OR AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINER SELECTED BY THE
9 EMPLOYER OR THE EMPLOYER'S INSURER gives the employee a written
10 release to return to modified employment, such employment is offered to
11 the employee in writing, and the employee fails to begin such
12 employment.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-42-106, **amend**
14 (2)(b)(I) as follows:

15 **8-42-106. Temporary partial disability.** (2) Temporary partial
16 disability payments shall continue until the first occurrence of either one
17 of the following:

18 (b) (I) The attending physician, AN AUTHORIZED TREATING
19 PHYSICIAN, OR AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINER SELECTED BY THE
20 EMPLOYER OR THE EMPLOYER'S INSURER gives the employee a written
21 release to return to modified employment, such employment is offered to
22 the employee in writing, and the employee fails to begin such
23 employment.

24 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-42-107, **amend**
25 (8)(b)(II)(A) as follows:

26 **8-42-107. Permanent partial disability benefits - schedule -**
27 **medical impairment benefits - how determined.** (8) **Medical**
28 **impairment benefits - determination of MMI for scheduled and**
29 **nonscheduled injuries.** (b) (II) If either party disputes a determination
30 by an authorized treating physician on the question of whether the injured
31 worker has or has not reached maximum medical improvement, an
32 independent medical examiner may be selected in accordance with
33 section 8-42-107.2; except that, if an authorized treating physician has not
34 determined that the employee has reached maximum medical
35 improvement, the employer or insurer may only request the selection of
36 an independent medical examiner if all of the following conditions are
37 met:

38 (A) At least **twenty-four** TWELVE months have passed since the
39 date of injury;".

40 Rember succeeding sections accordingly.

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