

ASSEMBLY, No. 5040

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Concerns second opinions regarding maximum medical improvement of injured workers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning second opinions on maximum medical
2 improvement of injured workers and supplementing R.S.34:15-
3 15.

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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. If an injured worker is assessed by a health care provider
9 furnished by the employer and determined to have reached
10 maximum medical improvement, the injured worker shall be
11 entitled to receive upon request, at the expense of the employer or
12 the employer's insurance carrier, an opinion from a second health
13 care provider designated or approved, but not employed on a
14 regular basis, by the employer. The employer or the employer's
15 insurance carrier shall furnish upon request a list of designated or
16 approved health care providers eligible to provide a second opinion
17 on the medical improvement of the injured worker.

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19 2. This act shall take effect 30 days after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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24 This bill allows injured workers who are receiving worker's
25 compensation benefits and are assessed by a healthcare provider
26 and found to have reached their maximum medical improvement to
27 receive, upon request, a second opinion from another health care
28 provider at the expense of their employer or the employer's
29 insurance carrier. The employer or the insurance carrier will, upon
30 request, furnish a list of health care providers eligible to provide
31 such a second opinion.