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## DIGEST

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HB 218 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides that a request made for a medical examination at or prior to a scheduling conference for a workers' compensation claim cannot be cancelled unless provided by the exception.

Present law provides that any party wishing to request an additional medical opinion for a medical examination is required to make such a request at or prior to the pretrial conference. However, requests for additional medical opinions made after such a time shall be denied except for good cause or if in the best interest of justice.

Proposed law provides that if a request for a medical examination is made at or prior to the scheduling conference, the medical examination cannot be cancelled by the workers' compensation judge unless the objecting party proves by clear and convincing evidence that the present law (R.S. 23:1123) criteria for a medical examination have not been met.

(Amends R.S. 23:1317.1(A))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

#### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Clarify that a request for an additional medical opinion regarding a medical examination shall be made at the scheduling conference, not the pretrial conference.