
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to Original House Bill No. 703 by Representative Melerine

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 1 and 9 in their entirety and insert the following:

~~"medical benefits remain unpaid or such consent is withheld, together with reasonable attorney fees for each disputed claim, however, the fifty dollars per calendar day penalty shall not exceed a maximum of two thousand dollars in the aggregate for any claim. The maximum amount of penalties which may be imposed at a hearing on the merits regardless of the number of penalties which might may be imposed under this Section is eight thousand dollars. Attorney fees awarded pursuant to this Section shall be based on a sworn affidavit from the attorney with time records detailing the work performed, the date on which it was performed, and the time spent on each activity to the tenth of an hour, and shall be credited against any fees due pursuant to R.S."~~

AMENDMENT NO. 2On page 3, line 8, after "days" and before the period ":" insert the following:

"in the absence of clear and convincing evidence that the employer or insurer acted arbitrarily"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

"(4) This Subsection shall not apply if the employer corrects any failure to provide payment or any failure to consent to the employee's request to select a treating physician or change physicians, and consents to treatment or issues proper payment, together with any interest owed thereon, prior to being notified of the failure by the employee, a healthcare provider, or his representative."

AMENDMENT NO. 4On page 4, line 3, delete "regular"AMENDMENT NO. 5On page 4, line 4, before "certified" delete "or"AMENDMENT NO. 6On page 4, line 9, delete "regular or"AMENDMENT NO. 7On page 4, line 15, delete "regular or"AMENDMENT NO. 8On page 4, line 23, delete "regular or"AMENDMENT NO. 9On page 4, line 29, delete "regular or"

- 1 AMENDMENT NO. 10
- 2 On page 5, line 2, delete "regular or"
- 3 AMENDMENT NO. 11
- 4 On page 5, line 18, change "of" to "or"