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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1952

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE LIABILITY OF AN  
10 EMPLOYER FOR MEDICAL COSTS RELATED TO A COMPENSABLE  
11 INJURY; TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE WORKERS'  
12 COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED MEASURE  
13 1948, NO. 4; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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19 TO A COMPENSABLE INJURY; AND TO AMEND  
20 PORTIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-9-508(a), concerning the liability of an  
28 employer for medical services and supplies under the Workers' Compensation  
29 Law, is amended to read as follows:

30 (a)(1) The employer shall promptly provide for an injured employee  
31 such medical, surgical, hospital, chiropractic, optometric, podiatric, and  
32 nursing services and medicine, crutches, ambulatory devices, artificial  
33 limbs, eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, and other apparatus as may  
34 be reasonably necessary ~~in connection with~~ for treatment of the injury  
35 received by the employee.

36 (2) The compensable injury must be the major cause of the need



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