## Hall of the House of Representatives

86th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2007 **Amendment Form** 

## Subtitle of House Bill No. 1339

"TO REQUIRE COMPENSATION FOR THE INITIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT AND DRUG TESTING OF ALL WORK-RELATED INJURIES: AND AMEND A PORTION OF ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1339.

Amend House Bill No. 1339 as originally introduced:

Delete the title and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE PAYMENT OF MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR WORK-RELATED INJURIES UNLESS CONTROVERTED BY THE EMPLOYER; TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

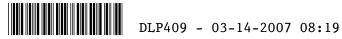
Delete the subtitle and substitute the following:

"TO PROVIDE PAYMENT OF MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR WORK-RELATED INJURIES UNLESS CONTROVERTED BY THE EMPLOYER AND TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948."

AND

Delete SECTION 1 in its entirety and substitute the following:

- "SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-9-508(a), concerning medical treatment for injured workers, is amended to read as follows:
- (a)(1) The employer shall promptly provide for an injured employee such medical, surgical, hospital, chiropractic, optometric, podiatric, and nursing services and medicine, crutches, ambulatory devices, artificial limbs, eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, and other apparatus as may be reasonably necessary in connection with the injury received by the employee.
- (2) If the employer sends the injured employee to obtain medical treatment under subdivision (a)(1) of this section and the medical care provider confirms authorization for treatment, the employer shall remain liable for the reasonably necessary medical treatment provided to the



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