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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



employee until the employer notifies the medical care provider, in writing, that the employer is controverting the future medical treatment or the compensability of the injured employee's claim."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative D. Evans
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