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4 By: Senator Snyder

A Bill

SENATE BILL 376

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE §§ 11-9-102, 11-9-521, AND
9 11-9-522 TO PROVIDE THAT EVIDENCE OF PERMANENT PHYSICAL
10 IMPAIRMENTS COVERED UNDER WORKERS' COMPENSATION SHALL BE
11 BASED UPON THOSE FINDINGS AND STANDARDS COMMONLY USED IN
12 THE MEDICAL PROFESSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "TO PROVIDE THAT EVIDENCE OF PERMANENT
16 PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENTS COVERED UNDER
17 WORKERS' COMPENSATION SHALL BE BASED ON
18 STANDARDS COMMONLY USED IN THE MEDICAL
19 PROFESSION."

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 11-9-102(16) is hereby amended to
24 read as follows:

25 "(16) Objective findings are those findings and standards commonly
26 used in the medical profession. Medical opinions addressing compensability
27 and permanent impairment must be stated within a reasonable degree of medical
28 certainty;"

30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 11-9-521(h) is hereby amended to
31 read as follows:

32 "(h) On or before July 1, 1994, the commission, after a public
33 hearing, shall adopt an impairment rating guide to be used in the assessment
34 of anatomical impairment. Provided, the impairment rating guide adopted by
35 the commission shall become null and void on March 1, 1997, unless reenacted

1 by the General Assembly."

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3 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated § 11-9-522(g) is hereby amended to
4 read as follows:

5 "(g) On or before July 1, 1994, the commission, after a public
6 hearing, shall adopt an impairment rating guide to be used in the assessment
7 of anatomical impairment. Provided, the impairment rating guide adopted by
8 the commission shall become null and void on March 1, 1997, unless reenacted
9 by the General Assembly."

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11 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
12 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
13 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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15 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
16 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
17 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
18 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
19 act are declared to be severable.

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21 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
22 hereby repealed.

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