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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW ENACTED
9 BY INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948; TO REGULATE FINAL
10 SETTLEMENTS OF CLAIMS INVOLVING JOINT PETITIONS; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-9-805(b)(1), concerning a final*
24 *settlement of a workers' compensation claim involving a joint petition, is*
25 *amended to read as follows:*

26 *(b)(1) If the commission decides ~~it is for~~ that a final settlement*
27 *award is in the best interests of the claimant that a final award be made, it*
28 *may order a claimant, the commission may:*

29 *(A) Enter an order that:*

30 *(i) an award that shall be final as to Is final*
31 *concerning the rights of all the parties to the joint petition; and*

32 *(ii) Appropriately allocates the claim proceeds; and*
33 *(B) Determine an amount for the future medical needs of a*
34 *claimant when deciding whether or not a final settlement award is in the best*
35 *interests of the claimant.*
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