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**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Beaulieu to Engrossed House Bill No. 618 by Representative Beaulieu

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 2 and 3 in their entirety and insert the following:

3 "To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1127, 1201.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and  
4 (K)(8)(b)(i) and (c), 1301, and 1306 and to enact R.S. 23:1201.1(K)(8)(a)(x) and (xi),  
5 relative to workers' compensation; to provide"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 2

7 On page 1, delete lines 8 and 9 in their entirety and insert the following:

8 "Section 1. R.S. 23:1127, 1201.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (K)(8)(b)(i)  
9 and (c), 1301, and 1306 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
10 23:1201.1(K)(8)(a)(x) and (xi) is hereby enacted to read as:"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 3

12 On page 2, line 1, change "office of" to "assistant secretary."

13 AMENDMENT NO. 4

14 On page 2, delete line 2 in its entirety and insert the following:

15 "The form shall include a notice in ten-point boldface block lettering font,  
16 advising the employee that failure to sign and return the form required in accordance  
17 with this Section may result in suspension of benefits."

18 AMENDMENT NO. 5

19 On page 2, delete lines 3 through 13 in their entirety and insert the following:

20 "(1) The employer or the employer's representative shall provide the medical  
21 records release authorization form to the employee, either in person or by certified  
22 mail.

23 "(2) If the employee fails or refuses to sign the form as required by this  
24 Section, the employer or payor may suspend benefits due pursuant to this Chapter  
25 until the employee complies with this Section. Suspension of benefits by the  
26 employer or payor shall be made in accordance with R.S. 23:1201.1(A)(4) and (5)."

27 AMENDMENT NO. 6

28 On page 2, line 14, change "(4)" to "(3)" and change "Subsection" to "Section"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 7

30 On page 2, between lines 17 and 18 insert the following:

31 "(4) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, nothing shall preclude  
32 the exchange of medical records release authorizations by any other method allowed  
33 by law."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 8

2 On page 5, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

3 "(xi) The employer or payor seeks to compel the employee to sign the  
4 medical records release authorization form as provided for in R.S. 23:1127."

5 (b)(i) The workers' compensation judge shall set the expedited summary  
6 proceeding hearing date pursuant to Items (a)(iii), (iv), ~~and~~ (v), and (xi) of this  
7 Paragraph within three days of receiving the employer's motion for the expedited  
8 hearing. The hearing shall be held not less than ten nor more than thirty days after  
9 the motion has been filed.

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11 (c) The workers' compensation judge shall order the employee to sign the  
12 choice of physician form, enforce the employee's submission to the medical  
13 examination, or provide the LWC-1020 or LWC-1025 form, or sign the medical  
14 records release authorization form as applicable unless the employee can show good  
15 cause for his refusal."

16 AMENDMENT NO. 9

17 On page 5, line 18, delete "as"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 10

19 On page 5, line 19, before "no" delete "soon as possible but"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 11

21 On page 5, line 22, change "work" to "injury"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 12

23 On page 5, line 23, delete "accident"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 13

25 On page 6, line 4, change "work accident" to "injury"