

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 440

BY SENATOR MORRELL

WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Provides for the licensed vocational rehabilitation counselor to verify each job identified as suitable and available for the disabled employee. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 23:1226(C)(3), relative to vocational rehabilitation in workers' compensation  
3 cases; to provide for the vocational rehabilitation counselor to verify every job  
4 identified as suitable and available; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 23:1226(C)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1226. Rehabilitation of injured employees

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9 C. \* \* \*

10 **(3) The approved vocational rehabilitation counselor shall verify, by his**  
11 **signature, that each job identified is suitable for the injured employee and**  
12 **available for the employee's return to gainful employment.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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DIGEST

Present law provides that rehabilitation provided to an injured employee shall be delivered by an approved vocational rehabilitation counselor.

Proposed law retains present law and requires further that for each job recommended by the counselor, the counselor shall verify by his signature that each job is both suitable for the employee and available for that employee to return to work.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 23:1226(C)(3))