

SENATE BILL 2190

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50,  
Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(a)(3)(A)(ii), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(ii) If a treating physician selected in accordance with subdivision (a)(3)(A)(i) determines that it is necessary to refer an injured employee to a specialist physician, surgeon, or chiropractor, then the treating physician shall immediately notify the injured employee's employer. The injured employee's employer shall provide the injured employee a panel of three (3) or more independent and reputable physicians, surgeons, chiropractors, or specialty practice groups within three (3) business days of notification by the treating physician. The injured employee shall choose a specialist physician, surgeon, chiropractor, or specialty practice group from the panel the employer provides.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-207(3)(B), is amended by adding the language ", or one hundred eighty days after the employee reaches maximum medical improvement, whichever is later," after the word "ends" wherever it appears.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-207(3)(D), is amended by adding the language "or one (1) year after the one hundred eighty-day period after the employee reaches maximum medical improvement, whichever is later" after the word "ends" wherever it appears.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-242(a)(2)(A), is amended by deleting the language "ten percent (10%)" and substituting instead "nine percent (9%)".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-801(d)(4), is amended by deleting the language "sixty (60) days" and substituting instead "one hundred eighty (180) days".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-802(f), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.