

Amendment No. 369

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 225

(BDR 53-975)

Proposed by: Committee on Commerce and Labor**Amendment Box:****Resolves Conflicts with:** N/A**Amends:** Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: No

Adoption of this amendment will REMOVE the 2/3s majority vote for final passage of SB225 (§3).

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Amend the bill as a whole by deleting sections 1 through 7, renumbering sections 8 and 9 as sections 2 and 3 and adding a new section designated section 1, following the enacting clause, to read as follows:

“**Section 1.** Chapter 616C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. The primary obligation of a vocational rehabilitation counselor is to the injured employee.*
- 2. A vocational rehabilitation counselor shall not provide services as a vocational rehabilitation counselor, including, without limitation, completing a written assessment pursuant to NRS 616C.550, if the employer of the vocational rehabilitation counselor administers the case of the injured employee.”.*

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Date: 4/18/2005

S.B. No. 225—Making various changes relating to industrial insurance.

Amend sec. 8, page 7, by deleting lines 33 through 36 and inserting:

“2. ~~Ensure that the caseload for a vocational rehabilitation counselor who conducts full vocational assessments does not exceed 35 active claims.~~
~~—3.]~~ Employ at least one certified vocational rehabilitation”.

Amend sec. 8, page 7, by deleting lines 39 through 41 and inserting:

“3. *Employ vocational rehabilitation counselors who have knowledge of the labor market within the geographical area where the injured employee resides.*”.

Amend sec. 9, page 7, by deleting line 43 and inserting:

“616C.550 1. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this section, if~~ *If*”.

Amend sec. 9, pages 7 and 8, by deleting line 45 on page 7 and lines 1 and 2 on page 8 and inserting:

“employee for more than 90 days, *the insurer or the injured employee may request* a vocational rehabilitation counselor ~~[shall, within 30 days after being assigned to the claim, make]~~ *to prepare* a written assessment of the injured employee’s ability or”.

Amend sec. 9, page 8, line 24, after “3.” by inserting:

“*Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, a vocational rehabilitation counselor shall prepare a written assessment not more than 30 days after receiving a request for a written assessment pursuant to subsection 1.*”.

Amend sec. 9, page 8, by deleting lines 33 and 34 and inserting:

“5. If an insurer determines that ~~[the]~~ *a* written assessment ~~[required by this section]~~ *requested pursuant to subsection 1* is impractical because of the expected duration of the *injured*”.

Amend sec. 9, page 9, between lines 18 and 19, by inserting:

“8. Each written assessment of an injured employee must be signed by a certified vocational rehabilitation counselor.”.

Amend the bill as a whole by deleting sec. 10 and renumbering sec. 11 as sec. 4.

Amend sec. 11, page 10, line 38, by deleting:

“upon passage and approval” and inserting:

“on July 1, 2005.”.

Amend sec. 11, page 10, by deleting lines 39 through 41.

Amend the title of the bill to read as follows:

“AN ACT relating to industrial insurance; setting forth the primary obligation of a vocational rehabilitation counselor; prohibiting a vocational rehabilitation counselor from providing services to an injured employee if the employer of the vocational rehabilitation counselor administers the case of the injured employee; requiring a provider of vocational rehabilitation services to employ certain vocational rehabilitation counselors; requiring a vocational rehabilitation counselor to prepare a written assessment not more than 30 days after it is requested by an insurer or injured employee under certain circumstances; requiring each written assessment of an injured employee to be signed by a certified vocational rehabilitation counselor; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.”.

Amend the summary of the bill to read as follows:

“SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to vocational rehabilitation counselors.

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