

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1025

SENATE BILL NO. 2650

By Ketron

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2571

By Curtiss

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-102(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(2) "AMA Guides" means the 6th edition of the *American Medical Association Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*, American Medical Association, until a new edition is designated by the general assembly in accordance with § 50-6-204(d)(3)(C). The edition that is in effect on the date the employee is injured is the edition that shall be applicable to the claim;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(d)(3), is amended by deleting subdivision (C) in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

(C) In the event of a release of a new edition of the *American Medical Association Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*, American Medical Association, other than the edition designated in § 50-6-102(2), the commissioner shall within six (6) months of the release of such new edition conduct an evaluation of the new edition and report the commissioner's findings and recommendations to the general assembly. The *AMA Guides* as defined in § 50-6-102(2) shall remain in effect until a new edition is designated by the general assembly.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 13, 2008



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of May 2008



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR