



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 282

SENATE BILL NO. 1275

By Norris

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1159

By McCormick, Kevin Brooks, Eldridge

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

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

SECTION 1. The Tennessee Code Commission is requested to change appropriate references in Title 50, Chapter 6 from "commissioner" to "administrator" whenever the reference is to the commissioner of labor and workforce development in the code as supplements are issued and volumes are replaced, except in Sections 50-6-102, 50-6-118 and 50-6-412.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-102(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by renumbering the remaining subdivisions accordingly.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(j)(4)(E)(i), is amended by deleting the language "may either file a:" and by substituting, instead, "may file a petition for benefit determination.", and is further amended by deleting subsections (a) and (b).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-207(4)(C)(v), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting, instead, the following language:

Prior to filing any request for reconsideration, the employer, insurer or department shall file a petition for benefit determination and participate in alternative dispute resolution pursuant to § 50-6-236. In the event the parties are unable to reach an agreement through alternative dispute resolution, the workers' compensation mediator shall issue a dispute certification notice and the employer, insurer or department may file a request for a hearing, as provided in § 50-6-239, to determine the issue of reconsideration.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-207(5), is amended by adding the word "primarily" between the words "arising" and "out" and by adding the phrase "and scope" between the words "course" and "of".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-208(h), is amended by deleting the language "benefit review conference" and substituting, instead, "alternative dispute resolution".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-214(a)(2)(B), is amended by deleting the language "specialist" and substituting, instead, "judge".

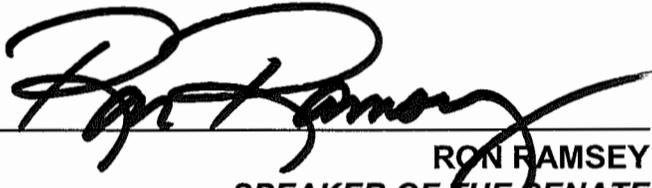
SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-242, is amended by deleting the reference to "§ 50-6-241(d)(1)(B) or (d)(2)" and by substituting instead a reference to "§ 50-6-207(3)(B)" and further amend by deleting the language "court or workers' compensation specialist" and replacing it, instead, with "workers' compensation judge".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-609, is amended by adding the word "primarily" between the words "arising" and "out" and by adding the phrase "and scope" between the words "course" and "of".

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 11, 2013



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 25th day of April 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR