



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 633

SENATE BILL NO. 2251

By Massey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2105

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-106, relative to workers' compensation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-106(1)(B), is amended by adding the following between the first and second sentences:

The leased operator or leased owner/operator electing coverage as provided in this section shall establish the validity of and satisfy the terms and conditions of all contractual agreements between the parties prior to the payment of any claim for workers' compensation.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-106(1), is amended by adding the following new subdivision (C):

(C) The venue of any dispute arising out of or connected with the validity of the contractual relationship or terms of the written agreement upon which the workers' compensation benefits are extended between the common carrier and a leased operator or leased owner/operator shall be the chancery court of the county where the contract was entered or the county of the principal place of business of the common carrier.

(D) Whenever the leased operator, the leased owner/operator or the carrier files a suit to resolve a contract dispute pursuant to subdivision (C), the statute of limitations for filing a petition for benefit determination with the division shall be tolled for ninety (90) days after final judgment has been entered in the suit including all appeals. In cases where a leased operator or leased owner/operator has filed a petition for benefit determination before the leased operator, leased owner/operator or the carrier has filed a suit pursuant to subdivision (C) to resolve a contract dispute, the petition for benefit determination shall be held in abeyance by the division until final judgment, including all appeals, has been entered in the suit filed pursuant to subdivision (C).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to injuries occurring on or after the effective date of this act.

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PASSED: March 20, 2014



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 4th day of April 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR