

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Representative Moskowitz offered the following:

**Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

Between lines 126 and 127, insert:

(2) MEDICAL TREATMENT; DUTY OF EMPLOYER TO FURNISH.—

(f) Upon the written request of the employee, the carrier shall authorize a one-time, second-opinion physician of the employee's choice who is not professionally affiliated with the originally authorized physician within 5 business days after receipt of the request ~~give the employee the opportunity for one change of physician during the course of treatment for any one accident.~~ The second-opinion physician need not be in the same specialty as the originally authorized physician. After an

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14 employee receives his or her second opinion, the employee shall  
 15 provide the carrier with written notice of his or her intent to  
 16 seek treatment with either the originally authorized physician  
 17 or the second-opinion physician. ~~Upon the granting of a change~~  
 18 of physician, the originally authorized physician in the same  
 19 specialty as the changed physician shall become deauthorized  
 20 upon written notification by the employer or carrier. The  
 21 carrier shall authorize an alternative physician who shall not  
 22 be professionally affiliated with the previous physician within  
 23 5 days after receipt of the request. If the carrier fails to  
 24 timely authorize a second-opinion ~~provide a change of~~ physician  
 25 as requested by the employee, the employee may select the  
 26 second-opinion physician and such physician shall be considered  
 27 authorized if the treatment being provided is compensable and  
 28 medically necessary.

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 31 **D I R E C T O R Y   A M E N D M E N T**

32 Remove line 122 and insert:

33 Section 3. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2), paragraphs (d)  
 34 and (i) of subsection (3), and

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 37 **T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

38 Remove line 7 and insert:

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39 amending s. 440.13, F.S.; requiring a carrier to authorize a  
40 one-time, second-opinion physician chosen by an employee under  
41 specified circumstances; requiring the employee to provide the  
42 carrier with specified written notice of intent; requiring a  
43 carrier to take

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