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NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Renfro

Bill Status: Senate Health and Human Services

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF TEMPORARY DISABILITY BENEFITS DUE TO AN EMPLOYEE'S FAILURE TO ATTEND A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT.

Summary of Assessment

The bill allows a self-insured employer or employer's insurer to suspend temporary disability benefits if the employee fails to appear at a rescheduled appointment with the employee's physician. However, prior to suspending payments and after the first missed appointment, the self-insured employer or the insurer shall notify the employee via certified mail that temporary disability benefits may be suspended if the employee misses the rescheduled appointment.

The bill will not create additional workload or change operating procedures in the Division of Workers' Compensation because this proposed statutory change is already enforced by rule. Further, the bill will not impact the amount of workers' compensation benefits paid to state employees. As such, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. Unless a referendum petition is filed, the bill will take effect August 8, 2007, assuming the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2007, as scheduled. The bill will apply to the payment of temporary disability benefits on and after that date.

Departments Contacted

Labor and Employment

Personnel and Administration

Judicial