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1 IN THE HOUSE

RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 122

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska Workmen's
7 Compensation Act; and providing for an
8 effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. AS 23.30.095(a) is amended to read:

11 Sec. 23.30.095. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS. (a) The employ-
12 er shall furnish medical, surgical, and other attendance or
13 treatment, nurse and hospital service, medicine, crutches,
14 and apparatus and physical rehabilitation treatment as may
15 reasonably be required for the period which the nature of
16 the injury or the process of recovery requires, not ex-
17 ceeding two years from and after the date of injury to the
18 employee. However, if the condition requiring the treat-
19 ment, apparatus, or medicine is a latent one, the two-year
20 period runs from the time the employee has knowledge of the
21 nature of his disability and its relationship to his employ-
22 ment and after-disablement. It shall be additionally pro-
23 vided that, if continued treatment or care or both beyond
24 the two-year period is indicated, the injured employee has
25 the right of review by the board. The board may authorize
26 continued treatment or care or both as the process of re-
27 covery may require. When medical care is required, the in-
28 jured employee may designate a licensed physician inside
29 the state to render the care except in cases where, in the

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1 judgment of the board, care or treatment or both can best
2 be administered by the selection of another physician. Upon
3 procuring the services of a physician, the injured employee
4 shall give proper notification of his selection to the em-
5 ployer within a reasonable time after first being treated.
6 If for any reason during the period when medical care is
7 required the employee wishes to change to another physician,
8 he may do so in accordance with rules prescribed by the
9 board.

10 * Sec. 2. AS 23.30.095 is amended by adding a new subsection
11 to read:

12 (1) Any interference by any person with the selection
13 by an injured employee of an authorized physician to treat
14 him, and the improper influencing or attempt by any person,
15 improperly, to influence a medical opinion of any physician
16 who has treated or examined an injured employee shall be a
17 misdemeanor.

18 * Sec. 3. AS 23.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

19 Sec. 23.30.191. EXPENSES FOR REHABILITATING INJURED
20 EMPLOYEES. An employee, who, as a result of injury, is or
21 may be expected to be totally or partially incapacitated for
22 a remunerative occupation and who, under the direction of
23 the Department of Labor, is being rehabilitated to engage
24 in a remunerative occupation, may receive additional compen-
25 sation necessary for his rehabilitation, not more than one-
26 half of the compensation allowed under AS 23.30.185. Such
27 additional compensation shall be in addition to all other
28 amounts provided for in this Act.

29 * Sec. 4. AS 23.30.265(16) is amended to read:

1 (16) "medical and related benefits" includes but
2 is not limited to physicians' fees, nurses' charges, hospital
3 services, hospital supplies, medicine, prosthetic devices,
4 the replacement or repair of such prosthetic devices or
5 such other devices or appliances necessitated by ordinary
6 wear, and transportation charges to the nearest point where
7 adequate medical facilities are available;

8 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage
9 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.
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