



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 622

HOUSE BILL NO. 2527

By Representatives Cobb, Shipley, Rich

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2318

By Senator Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 50, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to the advisory council on workers' compensation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-233(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-237(a), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Advisory council on workers' compensation, created by § 50-6-121;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-121, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1)(D) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(D)

(i) The governor shall also appoint ten (10) nonvoting members of the council as follows: one (1) to represent local governments, one (1) to represent insurance companies, five (5) to represent health care providers and three (3) attorneys. The nonvoting local government representative may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested municipal and county organizations including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Municipal League and the Tennessee County Services Association. The nonvoting insurance company representative may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested insurance organizations including, but not limited to, the Alliance of American Insurers and the American Insurance Association. One (1) nonvoting healthcare provider representative may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested medical organizations including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Medical Association and one (1) nonvoting healthcare provider representative may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested hospital organizations including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Hospital Association. One (1) nonvoting health care provider representative shall be a chiropractor who is licensed in this state, one (1) nonvoting health care provider representative shall be a physical therapist who is licensed in this state, and one (1) nonvoting health care provider representative shall be an occupational therapist who is licensed in this state, and these members shall not receive reimbursement for travel expenses. The nonvoting attorney members shall be appointed as follows: one (1) who shall primarily represent injured workers' compensation claimants, who may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested justice organizations including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Association for Justice; one (1) who shall primarily represent employers or workers' compensation insurers, who may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested defense lawyer organizations including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association; and one (1) who may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested legal organizations including, but not limited to the Tennessee Bar Association.

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(ii) The appointing authorities shall consult with interested groups including, but not limited to, the organizations listed in subdivision (D)(i) to determine qualified persons to fill positions on the council.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: MARCH 8, 2012


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of March 2012


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR