

Workers' Comp Legislative Activity

June 15, 2020 – August 1, 2020

CALIFORNIA

AB 1107

Actions: 07/14/2020 Hearing Cancelled
07/02/2020 Amended
07/01/2020 Referred to Senate Governmental Organization Committee
05/26/2020 Amended
04/22/2020 Amended
05/16/2019 Referred to Senate Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement Committee
05/02/2019 Passed Assembly
04/24/2019 Hearing held; passed Committee
04/22/2019 Amended
03/26/2019 Amended
03/25/2019 Referred to Assembly Insurance Committee
02/21/2019 Introduced

Summary: Summary for 03/26/2019 Version

This measure exempts medical treatment requested by a primary or secondary treating physician from the utilization review process and from dispute on the grounds of medical necessity if either:

- i. the employee suffers from a serious chronic condition; or
- ii. the requested treatment has been previously authorized by the employer and the employer fails to demonstrate a change in the employees circumstances or condition which would render the treatment no longer reasonably required to cure or relieve the employee from the effects of the industrial injury.

The measure also exempts medical treatment requested by a primary or secondary treating physician from the utilization review process and from dispute on the grounds of medical necessity if the employer has established a medical provider network pursuant to Section 4616 and the requesting physician is a member of the medical provider network.

Summary for 4/22/2019 Version

The measure makes a final determination of the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers Compensation conclusive evidence that medical treatment was unreasonably delayed or denied.

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Outlook: The July 14 hearing was cancelled. This measure is eligible for consideration by the committee of referral.

Bill Links: [7/2/2020 Version](#)
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PENNSYLVANIA

HR 913

Actions: 06/23/2020 Introduced; Referred to House Labor and Industry Committee

Summary: Summary for 6/23/2020 Version

This measure designates the week of July 27 through 31, 2020, as "Construction Opioids Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania. This measure also encourages the construction industry in Pennsylvania to promote awareness of the dangers of opioids and prescription drug abuse with workers in the industry and to facilitate discussions and events such as "Drug Take Back," to combat the opioid and prescription drug abuse epidemic.

Outlook: On June 23, this measure was introduced and referred to the House Labor and Industry Committee, which is chaired by Rep. Jim Cox (R).

This measure is eligible to be scheduled for a hearing.

Bill Links: [6/23/2020 Version](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

SR 345

Actions: 07/13/2020 Introduced; Referred to Senate Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

Summary: Summary for 7/13/2020 Version

This measure states that the construction industry is encouraged to promote awareness of the dangers of opioids and prescription drug abuse with workers in the industry and facilitate discussions and events such as "Drug Take Back" events to combat the opioid and prescription drug abuse epidemic in Pennsylvania's construction industry. This resolution will be effective once it is adopted by the Senate.

Outlook: On July 13, this measure was introduced and referred to the Senate Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

This measure is eligible to be scheduled for a hearing.

Bill Links: [7/13/2020 Version](#)