

CHAPTER NO. 645

SENATE BILL NO. 3628

By Haynes

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3892

By Hargrove

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 7; Title 38, Chapter 6; Title 50, Chapter 3; Title 50, Chapter 6; Title 50, Chapter 9 and Title 56, relative to workers' compensation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-121(c), is amended by deleting the last sentence.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-121(f), is amended by deleting the word "shall" in the first sentence and substituting instead the word "may"; and by deleting the language "Reform Acts of 1992 and 1996 and subsequent changes to the workers' compensation system" and substituting instead the words "Reform Act of 2004 and subsequent statutory changes to the Tennessee Workers' Compensation Act".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-121(g), is amended by deleting the current language in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(g) The advisory council shall issue an annual report that includes a summary of significant supreme court decisions relating to workers' compensation, including an explanation of their impact on existing policy. The report shall be due on or before January 15 of each year and shall include, to the extent possible, the decisions that were issued during the preceding calendar year. This annual report shall be sent to the governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Speaker of the Senate, the chair of the Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, the chair of the Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee of the Senate, and the chair and co-chair of the Special Joint Committee on Workers' Compensation. Notice of the publication of the report shall be provided to all members of the general assembly pursuant to § 3-1-114.

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

PASSED: April 26, 2006


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12th day of May 2006


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR