

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2985

By: Ferguson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to workers' compensation; amending Section 16, Chapter 361, O.S.L. 1997 (85 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 201.2), which relates to strain and sprain injuries; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 16, Chapter 361, O.S.L. 1997 (85 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 201.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 201.2 The Legislature hereby recognizes that strain and sprain injuries present difficulties in determining whether ~~some~~ such injuries constitute permanent impairment. The Legislature further recognizes that the Physician Advisory Committee, because it is composed of medical professionals, is the appropriate body to examine this problem and develop potential solutions. Therefore, the Legislature directs the Physician Advisory Committee to develop recommendations for evaluating permanent impairment for sprain or strain injuries should the Committee find that the current evaluation process is unfair or in need of change. The recommendations, if any, of the Physician Advisory Committee shall

be submitted to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor no later than February 1, 1998.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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