

An Act relating to workers' compensation; amending 85 O.S. 1991, Sections 1.2, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 349, O.S.L. 1993, 3.4, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 349, O.S.L. 1993, 14, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 248, O.S.L. 2000 and 80 (85 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 1.2, 3.4 and 14), which relate to contempt powers, prehearing and settlement conferences and case management; providing Court with authority and procedure to punish direct contempt; authorizing Court to order certain proceedings and providing procedures therefore; authorizing Court to order and requiring certain parties to participate in medical case management under certain circumstances and providing procedures and requirements therefore; modifying penalty for failure to comply with certain Court orders; repealing Section 4, Chapter 361, O.S.L. 1997, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 420, O.S.L. 1999 (85 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 3.10), which relates to voluntary mediation; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.