

An Act relating to workers' compensation; amending 21 O.S. 2001, Section 1663, which relates to workers' compensation fraud; modifying certain penalties; adding definition; amending 40 O.S. 2001, Section 417.1, which relates to certain fund; making certain fund a revolving fund; exempting certain fund from legislative appropriation; amending 85 O.S. 2001, Sections 3, as amended by Section 60, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2003, 3.10, 5, 14, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 215, O.S.L. 2002, 14.2, 14.3, 16, 17, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 215, O.S.L. 2002, 22, 43, 45, 48, 171, 172, 173, as amended by Section 4 Chapter 31, O.S.L. 2002, and 201.1, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2003 (85 O.S. Supp. 2004, Sections 3, 14, 17, 173 and 201.1), which relate to definitions, mediation, discharge of employees, medical attention, schedule of compensation, limitation of actions, and workplace medical plans and certification thereof, rehabilitation services, determination of disability, definition of physically impaired person and compensation for additional disability, the Multiple Injury Trust Fund and the Physicians Advisory Council; modifying definition; modifying circumstances under which mediation shall occur; authorizing court to order mediation under certain circumstances; modifying procedure for certification of mediators; prohibiting certain termination of employees; modifying conditions for selection and change of physician; modifying basis of medical fee schedule; setting forth formula for charges and requirements for prescribing and dispensing prescription drugs; eliminating condition for case management; modifying circumstances under which a case manager may be replaced; procedure for selection and change of physician within a certified workplace medical plan; eliminating certain enrollment procedures; providing notification requirements; defining responsibility for payment for certain evaluations; creating requirement for appointment of and deleting prohibition on independent medical examiners; modifying certain benefits; requiring certain records be kept confidential; providing for disclosure to certain persons; prohibiting certain disclosure; providing penalty; providing definition; modifying time period to reopen certain claims; creating certain rebuttable presumption against eligibility for certain benefits; modifying certain benefit; modifying definition; modifying composition and duties of the Physicians Advisory Committee; making compliance with certain guidelines mandatory; providing exception to mandatory compliance; allowing rates to be used prior to filing rates with certain entity; requiring filing of rates within certain time period; providing for disapproval of filing; providing for certain income tax credits; defining terms; providing and limiting amounts of credits; authorizing Tax Commission to promulgate rules; repealing 36 O.S. 2001, Section 902.1, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 519, O.S.L. 2004 (36 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 902.1), which relates to increasing or decreasing base rates; repealing 40 O.S. 2001, Sections 415.1 and 415.2, which relate to certificates of non-coverage; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.