

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW ENACTED BY INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948; TO REGULATE FINAL SETTLEMENTS OF CLAIMS INVOLVING JOINT PETITIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW ENACTED BY INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948; AND TO REGULATE FINAL SETTLEMENTS OF CLAIMS INVOLVING JOINT PETITIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-9-805(b)(1), concerning a final settlement of a workers' compensation claim involving a joint petition, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) If the commission decides ~~it is for~~ that a final settlement award is in the best interests of the claimant that a final award be made, it may order a claimant, the commission may:

(A) Enter an order that:

(i) an award that shall be final as to Is final concerning the rights of all the parties to the joint petition; and

(ii) Appropriately allocates the claim proceeds; and

(B) Determine an amount for the future medical needs of a claimant when deciding whether or not a final settlement award is in the best interests of the claimant.



/s/Nickels