

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1952

By: Representative Collins

By: Senator J. Hendren

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE LIABILITY OF AN EMPLOYER FOR MEDICAL COSTS RELATED TO A COMPENSABLE INJURY; TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED MEASURE 1948, NO. 4; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE LIABILITY OF AN EMPLOYER FOR MEDICAL COSTS RELATED TO A COMPENSABLE INJURY; AND TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED MEASURE 1948, NO. 4.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-9-508(a), concerning the liability of an employer for medical services and supplies under the Workers' Compensation Law, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The employer shall promptly provide for an injured employee such medical, surgical, hospital, chiropractic, optometric, podiatric, and nursing services and medicine, crutches, ambulatory devices, artificial limbs, eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, and other apparatus as may be reasonably necessary ~~in connection with~~ for treatment of the injury received by the employee.

(2) The compensable injury must be the major cause of the need



for medical treatment.