

CHAPTER 293

LABOR AND INDUSTRY

HOUSE BILL 14-1278

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Rosenthal, Duran, Ginal, Hullinghorst, Kraft-Tharp, Lebsock, Lee, Pabon, Schafer;
also SENATOR(S) Tochtrop, Guzman, Heath, Nicholson.

AN ACT

CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACCREDITATION PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2013 SUNSET REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-42-101, **amend** (3.5) (c) (I) and (3.6) (r) (I) as follows:

8-42-101. Employer must furnish medical aid - approval of plan - fee schedule - contracting for treatment - no recovery from employee - medical treatment guidelines - accreditation of physicians - rules - repeal. (3.5) (c) (I) This subsection (3.5) is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2014~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2025.

(3.6) The two-tier accreditation system shall comprise the following programs:

(r) (I) This subsection (3.6) is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2014~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2025.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal** (45) (a); and **add** (56) as follows:

24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment. (45) The following agencies, functions, or both, terminate on July 1, 2014:

(a) ~~The accreditation of health care providers under the workers' compensation~~

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

~~system in accordance with section 8-42-101 (3.5) and (3.6), C.R.S.;~~

(56) THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES, FUNCTIONS, OR BOTH, TERMINATE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2025:

(a) THE ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8-42-101 (3.5) AND (3.6), C.R.S.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-42-101, **amend** (3.6) (d) as follows:

8-42-101. Employer must furnish medical aid - approval of plan - fee schedule - contracting for treatment - no recovery from employee - medical treatment guidelines - accreditation of physicians - rules - repeal. (3.6) The two-tier accreditation system shall comprise the following programs:

(d) The level I and level II accreditation programs shall operate in such a manner that the costs thereof shall be OF THE PROGRAM ARE fully met by registration fees paid by the physicians. ~~The registration fee for level I accreditation shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars, and the registration fee for level II accreditation shall not exceed four hundred dollars.~~ The registration fee for each program shall MUST cover the cost of all accreditation course work and materials.

SECTION 4. Effective date. This act takes effect July 1, 2014.

SECTION 5. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 31, 2014