1-1   By: Carona   S.B. No. 1572
1-2   (In the Senate - Filed March 14, 2003; March 20, 2003, read
1-3   first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 5, 2003,
1-4   reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-5   following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 5, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1572   By: Staples

1-7   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8   AN ACT

1-9   relating to workers' compensation treatment guidelines and
1-10 protocols.
1-11   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-12   SECTION 1. The heading to Section 413.011, Labor Code, is
1-13 amended to read as follows:
1-14   Sec. 413.011. REIMBURSEMENT   POLICIES   AND   GUIDELINES;
1-15 TREATMENT GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS.
1-16   SECTION 2. Subsections (e) and (f), Section 413.011, Labor
1-17 Code, are amended to read as follows:
1-18   (e) The commission by rule may adopt treatment guidelines,
1-19 including return-to-work guidelines, and individual treatment
1-20 protocols. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection [If
1-21 adopted], the treatment guidelines and protocols [adopted] must be
1-22 nationally recognized, scientifically valid, and outcome-based and
1-23 designed to reduce excessive or inappropriate medical care while
1-24 safeguarding necessary medical care. If a nationally recognized
1-25 treatment guideline or protocol is not available for adoption by
1-26 the commission, the commission may adopt   another treatment
1-27 guideline or protocol as long as it is scientifically valid and
1-28 outcome-based.
1-29   (f) The commission by rule may establish medical policies or
1-30 treatment guidelines or protocols relating to necessary treatments
1-31 for injuries.
1-32   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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