

1-1 By: Duncan S.B. No. 742  
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to disqualification for eligibility for workers'  
1-9 compensation benefits of certain professional athletes.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 406.095, Labor Code, is  
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 (c) In this section, "professional athlete" means a person  
1-14 employed as a professional athlete by a franchise of:

1-15 (1) the National Football League;

1-16 (2) the National Basketball Association;

1-17 (3) the American League of Professional Baseball  
1-18 Clubs;

1-19 (4) the National League of Professional Baseball  
1-20 Clubs;

1-21 (5) the International Hockey League; [~~or~~]

1-22 (6) the National Hockey League; or

1-23 (7) the Central Hockey League.

1-24 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-25 to a claim for workers' compensation benefits based on a  
1-26 compensable injury that occurs on or after the effective date of  
1-27 this Act. A claim based on a compensable injury that occurs before  
1-28 that date is governed by the law in effect on the date that the  
1-29 compensable injury occurred, and the former law is continued in  
1-30 effect for that purpose.

1-31 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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