

Amend HB 473, Senate committee printing, by inserting the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS in the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 410.032, Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 410.032. PAYMENT OF BENEFITS UNDER INTERLOCUTORY ORDER. (a) The [~~As designated by the commissioner, division staff, other than the~~] benefit review officer who presides [~~presided or will preside~~] at the benefit review conference[7] shall consider a request for an interlocutory order and shall give the opposing party the opportunity to respond before issuing [~~issue~~] an interlocutory order [~~if determined to be appropriate~~].

(b) The interlocutory order may address the payment or suspension of accrued benefits, future benefits, or both accrued benefits and future benefits.

SECTION _____. Section 410.032, Labor Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a request for an interlocutory order made in conjunction with a workers' compensation benefit review conference that is conducted by a benefit review officer on or after the effective date of this Act. A request made before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the request is made, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.