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H.B. No. 1465

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the payment of benefits under an interlocutory order under the workers' compensation system.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. 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~~[,]~~ shall:

(1) consider a written or verbal request for an interlocutory order for the payment of benefits; and

(2) ~~[shall issue an interlocutory order]~~ if the benefit review officer determines that issuance of an interlocutory order is [determined to be] appropriate, issue the interlocutory order not later than the third day after the date of receipt of the request under Subdivision (1).

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

SECTION 2. The change in law made 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

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1 effect on the date the request is made, and the former law is
2 continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.