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S.B. No. 1768

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the cost of obtaining copies of an injured employee's
3 medical records for use by an ombudsman under the office of injured
4 employee counsel's ombudsman program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 404, Labor Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 404.155 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 404.155. NO COST FOR CERTAIN COPIES OF MEDICAL
9 RECORDS. At the written request of an ombudsman designated under
10 this subchapter who is assisting a specific injured employee, a
11 health care provider shall provide copies of the injured employee's
12 medical records to the ombudsman at no cost to the ombudsman or the
13 office.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.