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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | relating to workers' compensation and other remedies available to |
| 3 | an injured temporary employee. |
| 4 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: |
| 5 | SECTION 1. Chapter 93, Labor Code, is amended by adding |
| 6 | Section 93.004 to read as follows: |
| 7 | Sec. 93.004. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE. (a) |
| 8 | A certificate of insurance coverage showing that a temporary |
| 9 | employment service maintains a policy of workers' compensation |
| 10 | insurance constitutes proof of workers' compensation insurance |
| 11 | coverage for the temporary employment service and the client of the |
| 12 | temporary employment service with respect to all employees of the |
| 13 | temporary employment service assigned to the client. The state or a |
| 14 | political subdivision of the state shall accept a certificate of |
| 15 | insurance coverage described by this section as proof of workers' |
| 16 | compensation coverage under Chapter 406. |
| 17 | (b) For workers' compensation insurance purposes, if a |
| 18 | temporary employment service elects to obtain workers' |
| 19 | compensation insurance, the client of the temporary employment |
| 20 | service and the temporary employment service are subject to |
| 21 | Sections 406.034 and 408.001. |
| 22 | (c) An employee's election under Section 406.034(b) made |
| 23 | with respect to the temporary employment service applies to any |
| 24 | client of the temporary employment service, and the employee may |

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- 1 not make a separate election under that section with respect to the
- 2 <u>client.</u>
- 3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 4 to a claim based on a work-related injury that occurs on or after
- 5 the effective date of this Act. A claim based on a work-related
- 6 injury that occurs before the effective date of this Act is governed
- 7 by the law in effect on the date the injury occurred, and the former
- 8 law is continued in effect for that purpose.
- 9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.