

By: Zedler

H.B. No. 2629

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2629:

By: Rodriguez of Travis

C.S.H.B. No. 2629

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the determination of the impairment rating of an
3 employee with a lumbar injury under the workers' compensation
4 system.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 408.124, Labor Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

8 (d) Notwithstanding Subsections (b) and (c), for
9 determining the existence and degree of an employee's impairment
10 related to a lumbar injury, the division shall use the range of
11 motion model in "Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment,"
12 Fourth Edition, dated June 1993, published by the American Medical
13 Association.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
15 to an assignment of an impairment rating that is made on or after
16 the effective date of this Act. An assignment that is made before
17 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on
18 the date the assignment was made, and the former law is continued in
19 effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.