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S.B. No. 1051

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) For determining the existence and degree of an  
9 employee's impairment related to a lumbar injury, the division  
10 shall use the range of motion model in the publication under  
11 Subsection (b) or (c), as applicable.

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

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