

By: Uresti

S.B. No. 1572

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to submission of reports by a physician assistant under the workers' compensation system.

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

SECTION 1. Section 408.025, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) A report that is required to be filed with the division or provided to the injured employee, the employee's attorney, or the insurance carrier by a treating physician may be completed and signed by a physician assistant who is licensed to practice in this state under Chapter 204, Occupations Code, and is acting as the agent of a licensed physician under Section 204.202(e) of that code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.