

By: Zerwas

H.B. No. 2546

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2546:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2546

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to completion of work status reports by a physician  
3 assistant under the workers' compensation system.

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

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

7 (a-1) A treating doctor may delegate to a physician  
8 assistant who is licensed to practice in this state under Chapter  
9 204, Occupations Code, the authority to complete and sign a work  
10 status report regarding an injured employee's ability to return to  
11 work. The delegating treating doctor is responsible for the acts of  
12 the physician assistant under this subsection.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.