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S.B. No. 229

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the notice of rights provided to an injured employee under the Texas workers' compensation system.

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

SECTION 1. Section 404.109, Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 404.109. INJURED EMPLOYEE RIGHTS; NOTICE. (a) The public counsel shall adopt, in the form and manner prescribed by the public counsel and after consultation with the commissioner of workers' compensation, a notice of injured employee rights and responsibilities to be distributed by the division as provided by commissioner or commissioner of insurance rules.

(b) The notice adopted under Subsection (a) must inform an injured employee that the employee has the right to choose a treating doctor, including a doctor of medicine, osteopathic medicine, optometry, dentistry, podiatry, or chiropractic who is licensed and authorized to practice.

(c) A right or responsibility included in the notice adopted under Subsection (a) [~~this section~~] must be consistent with the requirements of this subtitle and division rules.

(d) This section may not be construed as establishing an entitlement to benefits to which the claimant is not otherwise entitled under this subtitle.

SECTION 2. The public counsel of the office of injured

1 employee counsel shall adopt the notice required under Section
2 [404.109](#), Labor Code, as amended by this Act, not later than December
3 1, 2019.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.