
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that providing injured
2 employees with psychological or psychiatric services can help
3 prevent addiction, drug diversion, chronic pain, post-traumatic
4 stress disorder, major depressive disorder, and other
5 psychological and psychiatric issues.

6 The purpose of this Act is to authorize up to seventeen
7 visits for psychological and psychiatric services for medical
8 rehabilitation of injured employees covered under workers'
9 compensation.

10 SECTION 2. Section 386-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 **"§386-24 Medical rehabilitation.** The medical services and
13 supplies to which an employee suffering a work injury is
14 entitled shall include such services, aids, appliances,
15 apparatus, and supplies as are reasonably needed for the
16 employee's greatest possible medical rehabilitation[-]; provided
17 that any employee suffering a work injury shall be entitled to
18 up to seventeen visits for psychological and psychiatric



1 services, where all visits take place within a sixty-day period.
2 The director of labor and industrial relations, on competent
3 medical advice, shall determine the need for or sufficiency of
4 medical rehabilitation services furnished or to be furnished to
5 the employee and may order any needed change of physician,
6 hospital, or rehabilitation facility."

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Workers' Compensation; Psychological and Psychiatric Services

Description:

Entitles injured employees to up to seventeen visits for psychological and psychiatric services under workers' compensation. Requires the visits to take place over a sixty-day period. Effective on 07/01/50. (SD1)

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