

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Sobel) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 11 - 14

and insert:

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Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (3) and paragraph (c) of subsection (12) of section 440.13, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

- 440.13 Medical services and supplies; penalty for violations; limitations.-
 - (3) PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY; AUTHORIZATION. -
- (j) Notwithstanding any other provision of anything in this chapter to the contrary, a sick or injured employee is shall be



entitled, at all times, to free, full, and absolute choice in the selection of the pharmacy, or pharmacist, or dispensing practitioner to dispense and fill dispensing and filling prescriptions for medicines required under this chapter. It is expressly forbidden for The department, an employer, or a carrier, or any agent or representative of the department, an employer, or a carrier, may not to select the pharmacy, or pharmacist, or dispensing practitioner that which the sick or injured employee must use; condition coverage or payment on the basis of the pharmacy, or pharmacist, or dispensing practitioner used utilized; or to otherwise interfere in the selection by the sick or injured employee of a pharmacy, or pharmacist, or dispensing practitioner.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 3

30 and insert:

> services; amending s. 440.13, F.S.; providing that a sick or injured employee is free to select a dispensing practitioner to fill prescriptions as well as a pharmacy or pharmacist; revising