HOUSE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 1767

Amendment No. 5 (for drafter's use only) CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 2 3 4 5 ORIGINAL STAMP BELOW 6 7 8 9 10 Representative(s) Bainter offered the following: 11 12 13 Amendment (with directory language and title 14 amendments) 15 On page 9, between lines 30 & 31 of the bill 16 17 insert: 18 (b) Only a catastrophic injury as defined in s. 440.02 19 shall, in the absence of conclusive proof of a substantial 20 earning capacity, constitute permanent total disability. Only 21 claimants with catastrophic injuries may be are eligible for permanent total benefits. A substantial earning capacity shall 22 be presumed if the claimant is able to earn the lesser of: 23 24 The wages earned at the time of the injury, or 1. 25 2. The greater of \$500 a month or the monthly amount 26 specified in title 20, part 404, section 1574(b)(2) of the 27 Code of Federal Regulations. 28 29 In no other case may permanent total disability be awarded. 30 31 1 File original & 9 copies hin0002 04/21/99 10:33 pm 01767-0025-933741

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== DIRECTORY LANGUAGE AMENDMENT ==
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   And the directory language is amended as follows:
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         On page 9, lines 25 & 26
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   remove: all of said lines
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   and insert in lieu thereof:
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         Section 8. Paragraphs (b) and (f) of subsection (1) of
   section 440.15, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended
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   to read:
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   And the title is amended as follows:
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         On page 1, line 24
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   after the semicolon insert:
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