

Bill No. CS for SB 1362

Amendment No. ____ Barcode 294276

1 and it shall specify the time, place, manner, conditions, and
 2 scope of the discovery. Such court may, in order to protect
 3 against annoyance, embarrassment, or oppression, as justice
 4 requires, enter an order refusing discovery or specifying
 5 conditions of discovery and may order payments of costs and
 6 expenses of the proceeding, including reasonable fees for the
 7 appearance of attorneys at the proceedings, as justice
 8 requires. Regardless of status as an assignee or litigant, any
 9 medical provider who is subject to discovery by an insurance
 10 carrier shall be afforded status as a "skilled" and "expert"
 11 witness within the meaning of Rule 1.390 and subsection
 12 (b)(4)(C) of rule 1.280 of the Florida rules of Civil
 13 Procedure and shall be compensated accordingly.

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16 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 On page 8, lines 26-28, delete those lines

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20 and insert:

21 insurance; amending s. 627.736, F.S.; providing
 22 that certain medical providers shall be
 23 afforded status as a skilled or expert witness
 24 under certain circumstances; providing an
 25 effective date.

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