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CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 Representative Goodlette offered the following: 12 13 Amendment (with directory amendment) Remove line(s) 336-370, and insert: 14 15 (38) "Catastrophic injury" means a permanent impairment 16 constituted by: 17 (a) Spinal cord injury involving severe paralysis of an 18 arm, a leq, or the trunk; (b) Amputation of an arm, a hand, a foot, or a leg 19 20 involving the effective loss of use of that appendage; (c) Severe brain or closed-head injury as evidenced by: 21 22 1. Severe sensory or motor disturbances; 23 2. Severe communication disturbances; 3. Severe complex integrated disturbances of cerebral 24 function; 25 26 4. Severe episodic neurological disorders; or

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- 5. Other severe brain and closed-head injury conditions at least as severe in nature as any condition provided in subparagraphs 1.-4.;
- (d) Second-degree or third-degree burns of 25 percent or more of the total body surface or third-degree burns of 5 percent or more to the face and hands;
 - (e) Total or industrial blindness; or
- (f) Any other injury that would otherwise qualify under this chapter of a nature and severity that would qualify an employee to receive disability income benefits under Title II or supplemental security income benefits under Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act as the Social Security Act existed on July 1, 1992, without regard to any time limitations provided under that act.
- (38)(39) "Insurer" means a group self-insurers' fund authorized by s. 624.4621, an individual self-insurer authorized by s. 440.38, a commercial self-insurance fund authorized by s. 624.462, an assessable mutual insurer authorized by s. 628.6011, and an insurer licensed to write workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance in this state. The term "carrier," as used in this chapter, means an insurer as defined in this subsection.
- (39)(40) "Statement," for the purposes of ss. 440.105 and 440.106, shall include the exact fraud statement language in s. 440.105(7). This requirement includes, but is not limited to, any notice, representation, statement, proof of injury, bill for services, diagnosis, prescription, hospital or doctor record, X ray, test result, or other evidence of loss, injury, or expense.

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