

Amendment No. 7

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u>    </u>	

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee  
 2 Representative Moskowitz offered the following:

**Amendment**

Remove lines 115-119 and insert:

Section 3. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2), paragraphs (d) and (i) of subsection (3) and subsection (12) of section 440.13, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

440.13 Medical services and supplies; penalty for violations; limitations.-

(2) MEDICAL TREATMENT; DUTY OF EMPLOYER TO FURNISH.--

(f) Upon the written request of the employee, the carrier shall authorize a one-time second opinion physician of the employee's choice who is not professionally affiliated with the previously authorized physician within 5 business days after receipt of the request ~~give the employee the opportunity for one~~

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17 ~~change of physician during the course of treatment for any one~~  
18 ~~accident. The second opinion physician need not be in the same~~  
19 ~~specialty as the originally authorized physician. Upon the~~  
20 ~~granting of a change of physician, the originally authorized~~  
21 ~~physician in the same specialty as the changed physician shall~~  
22 ~~become deauthorized upon written notification by the employer or~~  
23 ~~carrier. The carrier shall authorize an alternative physician~~  
24 ~~who shall not be professionally affiliated with the previous~~  
25 ~~physician within 5 days after receipt of the request. Following~~  
26 ~~the second opinion, the employee shall furnish the carrier~~  
27 ~~written notice of his or her intent to treat with either the~~  
28 ~~originally authorized physician or the second opinion physician.~~  
29 If the carrier fails to timely authorize a second opinion  
30 ~~provide a change of~~ physician as requested by the employee, the  
31 employee may select the physician and such physician shall be  
32 considered authorized if the treatment being provided is  
33 compensable and medically necessary.  
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