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Senator Thurston moved the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (549168) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 44 - 45
5 and insert:

6 (b) For COVID-19-related claims governed by chapter 112 or
7 chapter 440 and any other claims for benefits provided by law to
8 individuals suffering injury or illness in the course and scope
9 of employment, the following individuals are presumed to have
10 contracted COVID-19 in the course and scope of their employment:

11 1. A person licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459,



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12 chapter 461, chapter 463, chapter 464, chapter 465, chapter 466,
13 or chapter 483;

14 2. An employee of a:

15 a. Facility licensed, certified, or approved by any state
16 agency and for which chapter 395, chapter 400, chapter 429, or
17 chapter 766 applies;

18 b. Federally qualified health center as defined in 42
19 U.S.C. s. 1396d(1) (2) (B); or

20 c. Sole proprietorship, group practice, partnership, or
21 corporation that provides health care services by physicians
22 covered by s. 627.419, that is directly supervised by one or
23 more of such physicians, and that is wholly owned by one or more
24 of those physicians or by a physician and the spouse, parent,
25 child, or sibling of that physician;

26 3. An emergency medical technician as defined in s.
27 401.23(11); or

28 4. A paramedic as defined in 401.23(17).

29 (c) The presumption in paragraph (b) may be rebutted if the
30 defendant proves by clear and convincing evidence that the
31 individual's infection did not arise out of the course and scope
32 of his or her employment.

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

35 And the title is amended as follows:

36 Delete line 59

37 and insert:

38 providing applicability; creating a certain
39 presumption for COVID-19-related claims of specified
40 employees which are governed by certain other



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41 provisions; providing that such presumption may be
42 rebutted under certain circumstances; providing
43 construction;