

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to payments for workers' compensation
 3 expert witnesses; amending s. 440.13, F.S.; increasing
 4 the maximum amounts of certain witness fees related to
 5 workers' compensation cases; providing an effective
 6 date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10 Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 440.13, Florida
 11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 440.13 Medical services and supplies; penalty for
 13 violations; limitations.—

14 (10) WITNESS FEES.—Any health care provider who gives a
 15 deposition shall be allowed a witness fee. The amount charged by
 16 the witness may not exceed \$300 ~~\$200~~ per hour. An expert witness
 17 who has never provided direct professional services to a party
 18 but has merely reviewed medical records and provided an expert
 19 opinion or has provided only direct professional services that
 20 were unrelated to the workers' compensation case may not be
 21 allowed a witness fee in excess of \$300 ~~\$200~~ per day.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.