

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 920

SENATE BILL NO. 2928

By Johnson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3015

By Sargent

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-207(1), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (E):

(E) If a treating physician determines that pain is persisting for an injured worker beyond an expected period for healing, the physician may refer such injured worker for pain management, encompassing pharmacological, non-pharmacological and other approaches to reduce or stop pain sensations. Such injured worker shall be presumed to have reached maximum medical improvement at the earliest occurrence of the following:

(i) The treating physician determines the injured worker has reached maximum medical improvement; or

(ii) One hundred and four (104) weeks after the commencement of pain management pursuant to the referral of the treating physician.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to injuries that occur on or after the effective date of this act.

PASSED: May 10, 2010



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 26th day of May 2010



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR