

SB 6597 - DIGEST

Creates the joint legislative task force on injured workers' independent medical exams and requires the task force to: (1) Collect and review data on the frequency and use of independent medical exams for state fund exams and self-insurer exams;

(2) Oversee a survey of workers, attending medical providers, independent medical examiners, and other critical stakeholders to identify areas of needed improvement;

(3) Examine options for increased communication with injured workers regarding the purpose and need for independent medical exams and with claims adjusters and attending medical providers with the goal of decreasing the need for some independent medical exams;

(4) Review current independent medical exam certification and exam processes; and

(5) Examine the statutes and regulations from other jurisdictions as they relate to reducing the frequency of independent medical exams.

Expires July 31, 2017.