

AN ACT

relating to completion of work status reports by a physician assistant under the workers' compensation system.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 408.025, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) A treating doctor may delegate to a physician assistant who is licensed to practice in this state under Chapter 204, Occupations Code, the authority to complete and sign a work status report regarding an injured employee's ability to return to work. The delegating treating doctor is responsible for the acts of the physician assistant under this subsection.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2546 was passed by the House on April 27, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2546 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor