

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Rosenbaum, Smith P., Schaufler
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/12, 2/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Repeals the sunset of January 2, 2008 on provisions related to services provided by nurse practitioners in workers' compensation claims. Requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services to develop a plan for continuing the provisions that were set to sunset.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legislative history of HB 3669 (2003)
- Position of the Management Labor Advisory Committee (MLAC) on the measure
- Conclusions of MLAC study on the impact of HB 3669 on costs, delivery of medical benefits, and other outcomes in the workers' compensation system

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Outlines how the sunset is eliminated.

BACKGROUND: HB 3669 (2003) expanded the role of nurse practitioners in the treatment of injured workers within the workers' compensation system by increasing the level of care to an injured worker from 30 days from the date of injury or 12 visits (whichever comes first) to 90 days from the date of the first visit, and allows the authorization of temporary disability for injured workers for 60 days from the date of the first visit. The bill further outlined the role of nurse practitioners within the worker's compensation system, such as allowing the management of the return-to-work status of the injured worker during the time period, and requiring nurse practitioners to refer to an attending physician to determine the worker's impairment for the purpose of evaluating the worker's disability.

HB 2247-A removes the current sunset of January 2, 2008 and maintains all statutory language enacted by HB 3669. The measure has been reviewed and approved by the Workers' Compensation Management Labor Advisory Committee.