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No. 4

An Act to amend *The Workers' Compensation Act, 2013*

(Assented to _____)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2024*.

SS 2013, c W-17.11 amended

2 *The Workers' Compensation Act, 2013* is amended in the manner set forth in this Act.

Section 2 amended

3 Subsection 2(1) is amended:

(a) by repealing clause (g) and substituting the following:

“(g) **‘chiropractor’** means:

(i) a chiropractor who is registered pursuant to *The Chiropractic Act, 1994*; or

(ii) an individual who is practising as a chiropractor outside Saskatchewan and who is recognized as a chiropractor by the licensing body of the jurisdiction in which the person practises”;

(b) by repealing clause (p) and substituting the following:

“(p) **‘health care professional’** means:

(i) a physician, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, psychologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, nurse or any other person who is registered or licensed pursuant to any Act to practise any of the healing arts; or

(ii) a person who is practising as a physician, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, psychologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, nurse or any other person practising the healing arts outside Saskatchewan and who is recognized by the licensing body of the jurisdiction in which the person practises”;

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(c) by adding the following clause after clause (cc):

“(cc.1) ‘out-of-province worker’ means the following:

- (i) a worker working outside Saskatchewan:
 - (A) whose ordinary residence is in Canada;
 - (B) who is employed by an employer to which this Act applies in accordance with section 3; and
 - (C) who is approved by the board;
- (ii) any other prescribed worker”;

(d) by repealing clause (dd) and substituting the following:

“(dd) ‘physician’ means:

- (i) a duly qualified medical practitioner; or
- (ii) an individual who is practising as a physician outside Saskatchewan and who is recognized as a physician by the licensing body of the jurisdiction in which the person practises”; **and**

(e) by repealing clause (ff.1) and substituting the following:

“(ff.1) ‘psychiatrist’ means:

- (i) a psychiatrist as defined in *The Mental Health Services Act*; or
- (ii) an individual who is practising as a psychiatrist outside Saskatchewan and who is recognized as a psychiatrist by the licensing body of the jurisdiction in which the person practises”.

Section 11 amended**4 The following subsections are added after subsection 11(2):**

“(3) Notwithstanding that a successor to a board member has been appointed after the member has begun hearing a matter before the board but before the proceeding is completed, the member may continue with the proceeding as if the member’s term had not expired for the purposes of completing the proceeding, and any decision of the member is effective as though the member still held office.

“(4) If a member continues to serve pursuant to subsection (3), the member shall not begin to hear any additional matters before the board”.

New section 23.1**5 Section 23.1 is repealed and the following substituted:****“Publication of appeal decisions**

23.1 The board shall publish appeal decisions of members of the board mentioned in clause 9(5)(a) together with reasons in a manner prescribed in the regulations”.

Section 28 amended**6 Subclause 28(3)(a)(ii) is amended by striking out “, other than a forest fire scene.”.**

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New section 34**7 Section 34 is repealed and the following substituted:****“Injury outside of Saskatchewan**

34 Subject to the provisions of an agreement pursuant to section 33, a worker or a worker's dependants must be paid compensation pursuant to this Act if:

- (a) the:
 - (i) worker is a resident of Saskatchewan;
 - (ii) worker is an out-of-province worker; or
 - (iii) usual place of the worker's employment is in Saskatchewan and the employment requires the performance of work both inside and outside Saskatchewan; and
- (b) the worker is injured while the worker is performing work outside of Saskatchewan”.

Section 100 amended

8 Clause 100(3)(a) is amended by adding “or a correctional facility located in another jurisdiction” after “The Correctional Services Act, 2012”.

Section 187 amended**9 Subsection 187(1) is amended:****(a) by adding the following clause after clause (a.1):**

“(a.11) for the purposes of clause 2(1)(cc.1), prescribing workers as out-of-province workers”; **and**

(b) by adding the following clause after clause (d):

“(d.1) for the purposes of section 23.1, respecting the manner of publishing appeal decisions of members of the board mentioned in clause 9(5)(a)”.

Coming into force

10 This Act comes into force by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

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Received and read the

First time

Second time

Third time

And passed

Honourable Jim Reiter
