



Proposed 2019 Georgia Workers' Compensation Legislative Update

The Georgia Legislature is currently considering a bill that will have substantial impact on workers' compensation benefits in Georgia. The bill, if passed, would result in an increase in the temporary total disability rate to \$675 per week and the temporary partial disability rate to \$450 per week. Additionally, the bill proposes some limits to the 400-week cap in medical benefits to provide for replacement and maintenance of items such as prosthetics, spinal cord stimulators, pain pumps or certain types of durable medical equipment, provided that the item or service was furnished within 400 weeks of the date of the injury.

These changes are only proposals at this point in time and are subject to further edits or amendments and will not become law until and unless the bill passes both chambers of the Legislature and is signed into law by Governor Kemp.

Please be on the lookout for further updates from us as the bill progresses.

If you wish to further discuss the bill or have any questions, please contact a Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers attorney at 404.874.8800 or via our website, swiftcurrie.com.

The foregoing is not intended to be a comprehensive analysis of the full effect of these changes. Nothing in this notice should be construed as legal advice. This document is intended only to notify our clients and other interested parties about important recent developments. Every effort has been made to ascertain the accuracy of the information contained within this notice.

