

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 6, 2019

Introduced by Sen. RAMOS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to notification in the case of a change to a workers' compensation claims representative

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The workers' compensation law is amended by adding a new
2 section 138 to read as follows:

3 § 138. Workers' compensation claims representative replacement. 1.
4 Where an injured employee is entitled to workers' compensation benefits
5 under this chapter and a claims representative has been assigned to his
6 or her workers' compensation claim by an insurance carrier or self-in-
7 jured employer, such insurance carrier or self-insured employer shall be
8 required to notify such injured employee or such employee's personal
9 representative in the event that such claim is assigned to a new claims
10 representative, or it is determined that the assignment of a claims
11 representative is no longer necessary. For the purposes of this section,
12 "claims representative" shall mean any employee, agent, or other repre-
13 sentative of an insurance carrier or self-insured employer that is
14 responsible for processing, adjudicating, or in any way effecting the
15 settlement of a workers' compensation claim.

16 2. An insurance carrier or self-insured employer shall provide such
17 notice by electronic means or by certified or registered mail, return
18 receipt requested, to the last known address of the injured employee or
19 such employee's personal representative within fourteen business days of
20 the replacement of any claims representative or the determination that
21 the assignment of a claims representative is no longer necessary. Such
22 notice must include the name and contact information of the new claims
23 representative when a new assignment has been made.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
25 have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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