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AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to medical proof in no-fault actions, and provides for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 5110  
2     to read as follows:

3     S 5110. MEDICAL PROOF IN NO-FAULT ACTIONS. 1. A PARTY WHO INITIATES AN  
4     ACTION FOR MONEY, EXCLUSIVE OF INTEREST AND COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES,  
5     WHICH SEEKS REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT, TESTING, OR SUPPLIES  
6     PURSUANT TO SECTION FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIX OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL  
7     AT TRIAL, SUBMIT THE SWORN STATEMENT OF THE LICENSED MEDICAL PROFES-  
8     SIONAL THAT RENDERED, PRESCRIBED OR ORDERED THE MEDICAL TREATMENT ON THE  
9     ISSUE OR ISSUES OF MEDICAL NECESSITY OR A SWORN STATEMENT FROM A REPRESENTATIVE THAT CLAIMED SERVICES HAD BEEN BILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
10    WORKERS COMPENSATION FEE SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO SECTION FIVE THOUSAND ONE  
11    HUNDRED EIGHT OF THIS ARTICLE.

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13    2. THE LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL SHALL AFFIRM THAT NO-FAULT BENEFITS WERE DULY ASSIGNED TO THE PLAINTIFF, THE CLAIMED TREATMENT, TESTING  
14    OR SUPPLIES WERE RENDERED, PRESCRIBED OR ORDERED BY THE PLAINTIFF,  
15    MEDICALLY NECESSARY TO TREAT ACCIDENT RELATED INJURIES AND SHALL INCLUDE  
16    THE MATERIAL FACTS AND DOCUMENTS UPON WHICH THE OPINION OF MEDICAL  
17    NECESSITY WAS BASED; OR, THE REPRESENTATIVE SHALL INCLUDE THE RELEVANT  
18    SECTIONS OF THE FEE SCHEDULE AND THE MATERIAL FACTS AND DOCUMENTS THAT  
19    SUPPORT THE CLAIMED SERVICES WERE BILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEE  
20    SCHEDULE. SUBMISSION OF SUCH SWORN STATEMENT SHALL NOT CREATE A PRESUMPTION OF MEDICAL NECESSITY OR PROVIDE GREATER DEFERENCE TO THE TREATING  
21    MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL OR ADHERENCE TO THE FEE SCHEDULE.

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24    3. A PARTY OPPOSING SUCH ACTION MAY SUBMIT A SWORN STATEMENT ON THE  
25    ISSUE OR ISSUES OF MEDICAL NECESSITY OR THAT THE CLAIMED SERVICES WERE  
26    NOT BILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WORKERS COMPENSATION FEE SCHEDULE  
27    PURSUANT TO SECTION FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHT OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

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1 SUCH STATEMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE MATERIAL FACTS AND/OR DOCUMENTS UPON  
2 WHICH SUCH STATEMENT IS BASED.

3 4. A COPY OF THE SWORN STATEMENT OR STATEMENTS SHALL BE FURNISHED TO  
4 ALL PARTIES NO LATER THAN THE TIME THAT THE STATEMENT IS SUBMITTED TO  
5 THE COURT. THE SWORN STATEMENT SHALL BE ACCEPTED BY THE COURT IN LIEU OF  
6 TESTIMONY UNLESS, AFTER SUBMISSION OF THE SWORN STATEMENT, THE COURT  
7 DETERMINES THAT IT WISHES TO HEAR TESTIMONY WHEREIN THE COURT SHALL THEN  
8 DIRECT THAT ALL PARTIES SUBMITTING A SWORN STATEMENT SHALL HAVE THAT  
9 PERSON APPEAR AND TESTIFY IN PERSON.

10 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall:

11 1. apply to all actions and proceedings commenced on or after such  
12 date;

13 2. apply to any action or proceeding which was commenced prior to such  
14 effective date where, as of such date, either: (a) a trial of the issues  
15 has not yet commenced, or (b) the parties have not yet entered into a  
16 stipulation of settlement; and

17 3. expire and be deemed repealed December 31, 2016.