

STATE OF NEW YORK

3969

2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 22, 2019

Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- 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 authorizing treatment of workers' compensation injuries by an occupational therapy assistant

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 13-b of the work-
2 ers' compensation law, as amended by chapter 473 of the laws of 2000, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (e) Upon the prescription or referral of an authorized physician occu-
5 pational therapy care may be rendered by a duly licensed occupational
6 therapist or by a duly licensed occupational therapy assistant licensed
7 by the state education department pursuant to article one hundred
8 fifty-six of the education law. Where occupational therapy care is
9 rendered records of the patient's condition and progress, together with
10 records of instruction for treatment, if any shall be maintained by the
11 occupational therapist and physician. Said records shall be submitted to
12 the chair on forms and at such times as the chair may require. A duly
13 licensed occupational therapy assistant shall not be authorized to
14 perform independent medical examinations.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
16 have become a law.

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

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