Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

FIRST ENGROSSMENT with Senate Amendments ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1156

Introduced by

Representative Keiser

Senator Klein

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 65-01-02, subsection 8 of section 65-05-07, and
- 2 section 65-05-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of medical
- 3 marijuana and prohibiting the payment of workers' compensation benefits for medical
- 4 marijuana; and to provide for application.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

6 SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 65-01-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **65-01-02. Definitions.**

9 In this title:

- 1. "Acute care" means a short course of intensive diagnostic and therapeutic services
 provided immediately following a work injury with a rapid onset of pronounced
 symptoms.
- 13 2. "Adopted" or "adoption" refers only to a legal adoption effected prior to the time of theinjury.
- 3. "Artificial members" includes a device that is a substitute for a natural part, organ,
 limb, or other part of the body. The term includes a prescriptive device that is an aid for
 a natural part, organ, limb, or other part of the body if the damage to the prescriptive
 device is accompanied by an injury to the body. A prescriptive device includes
 prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, dental braces, and orthopedic braces.
- 20 4. "Artificial replacements" means mechanical aids, including braces, belts, casts, or
 21 crutches as may be reasonable and necessary due to compensable injury.
- S. "Average weekly wage" means the weekly wages the employee was receiving from all
 employments for which coverage is required or otherwise secured at the date of first
 disability. The average weekly wage determined under this subsection must be

1		rou	nded to the nearest dollar. If the employee's wages are not fixed by the week, they
2		mu	st be determined by using the first applicable formula from the schedule below:
3		a.	For seasonal employment, during the first consecutive days of disability up to
4			twenty-eight days the average weekly wage is calculated pursuant to the first
5			applicable formula in subdivisions b through g, and after that are calculated as
6			one-fiftieth of the total wages from all occupations during the twelve months
7			preceding the date of first disability or during the tax year preceding the date of
8			first disability, or an average of the three tax years preceding the date of first
9			disability, whichever is highest and for which accurate, reliable, and complete
10			records are readily available.
11		b.	The "average weekly wage" of a self-employed employer is determined by the
12			following formula: one fifty-second of the average annual net self-employed
13			earnings reported the three preceding tax years or preceding fifty-two weeks
14			whichever is higher if accurate, reliable, and complete records for those fifty-two
15			weeks are readily available.
16		C.	Hourly or daily rate multiplied by number of hours or days worked per seven-day
17			week.
18		d.	Monthly rate multiplied by twelve months and divided by fifty-two weeks.
19		e.	Biweekly rate divided by two.
20		f.	The usual wage paid other employees engaged in similar occupations.
21		g.	A wage reasonably and fairly approximating the weekly wage lost by the claimant
22			during the period of disability.
23	6.	"Av	erage weekly wage in the state" means the determination made of the average
24		wee	ekly wage in the state by job service North Dakota on or before July first of each
25		yea	r, computed to the next highest dollar.
26	7.	"Bo	ard" means the workforce safety and insurance board of directors.
27	8.	"Br	other" and "sister" include a stepbrother and a stepsister, a half brother and a half
28		sist	er, and a brother and sister by adoption. The terms do not include a married
29		bro	ther or sister unless that person actually is dependent.
30	9.	"Ch	ild", for determining eligibility for benefits under chapter 65-05, means a legitimate
31		chil	d, a stepchild, adopted child, posthumous child, foster child, and acknowledged

1		illegiti	mate	e child who is under eighteen years of age and resides with the employee; or
2		is und	ler e	ighteen years of age and does not reside with the employee but a duty of
3		suppo	ort is	substantiated by an appropriate court order; or is between eighteen and
4		twenty	y-two	o years of age and enrolled as a full-time student in any accredited
5		educa	ition	al institution and dependent upon the employee for support; or is eighteen
6		years	of a	ge or over and is physically or mentally incapable of self-support and is
7		actual	lly d	ependent upon the employee for support. A child does not include a married
8		child u	unle	ss actually dependent on the employee as shown on the preceding year's
9		incom	e ta	x returns.
10	10.	"Com	pens	sable injury" means an injury by accident arising out of and in the course of
11		hazar	dou	s employment which must be established by medical evidence supported by
12		object	ive	medical findings.
13		а. Т	The	term includes:
14		(*	1)	Disease caused by a hazard to which an employee is subjected in the
15				course of employment. The disease must be incidental to the character of
16				the business and not independent of the relation of employer and employee.
17				Disease includes effects from radiation.
18		(2	2)	An injury to artificial members.
19		(:	3)	Injuries due to heart attack or other heart-related disease, stroke, and
20				physical injury caused by mental stimulus, but only when caused by the
21				employee's employment with reasonable medical certainty, and only when it
22				is determined with reasonable medical certainty that unusual stress is at
23				least fifty percent of the cause of the injury or disease as compared with all
24				other contributing causes combined. Unusual stress means stress greater
25				than the highest level of stress normally experienced or anticipated in that
26				position or line of work.
27		(4	4)	Injuries arising out of employer-required or supplied travel to and from a
28				remote jobsite or activities performed at the direction or under the control of
29				the employer.

30 (5) An injury caused by the willful act of a third person directed against an
31 employee because of the employee's employment.

1		(6)	A mental or psychological condition caused by a physical injury, but only
2			when the physical injury is determined with reasonable medical certainty to
3			be at least fifty percent of the cause of the condition as compared with all
4			other contributing causes combined, and only when the condition did not
5			pre-exist the work injury.
6	b.	The	e term does not include:
7		(1)	Ordinary diseases of life to which the general public outside of employment
8			is exposed or preventive treatment for communicable diseases, except that
9			the organization may pay for preventive treatment for a health care provider
10			as defined in section 23-07.5-01, firefighter, peace officer, correctional
11			officer, court officer, law enforcement officer, emergency medical technician,
12			or an individual trained and authorized by law or rule to render emergency
13			medical assistance or treatment who is exposed to a bloodborne pathogen
14			as defined in section 23-07.5-01 occurring in the course of employment and
15			for exposure to rabies occurring in the course of employment.
16		(2)	A willfully self-inflicted injury, including suicide or attempted suicide, or an
17			injury caused by the employee's willful intention to injure or kill another.
18		(3)	Any injury caused by the use of intoxicants or the illegal use of controlled
19			substances.
20		(4)	An injury that arises out of an altercation in which the injured employee is an
21			aggressor. This paragraph does not apply to public safety employees,
22			including law enforcement officers or private security personnel who are
23			required to engage in altercations as part of their job duties if the altercation
24			arises out of the performance of those job duties.
25		(5)	An injury that arises out of an illegal act committed by the injured employee.
26		(6)	An injury that arises out of an employee's voluntary nonpaid participation in
27			any recreational activity, including athletic events, parties, and picnics, even
28			though the employer pays some or all of the cost of the activity.
29		(7)	Injuries attributable to a pre-existing injury, disease, or other condition,
30			including when the employment acts as a trigger to produce symptoms in
31			the pre-existing injury, disease, or other condition unless the employment

1		aubstantially appelerates its prograssion or substantially worsens its
		substantially accelerates its progression or substantially worsens its
2		severity. Pain is a symptom and may be considered in determining whether
3		there is a substantial acceleration or substantial worsening of a pre-existing
4		injury, disease, or other condition, but pain alone is not a substantial
5		acceleration or a substantial worsening.
6		(8) A nonemployment injury that, although acting upon a prior compensable
7		injury, is an independent intervening cause of injury.
8		(9) A latent or asymptomatic degenerative condition, caused in substantial part
9		by employment duties, which is triggered or made active by a subsequent
10		injury.
11		(10) A mental injury arising from mental stimulus.
12	11.	"Date of first disability" means the first date the employee was unable to work because
13		of a compensable injury.
14	12.	"Date of maximum medical improvement" or "date of maximum medical recovery"
15		means the date after which further recovery from, or lasting improvement to, an injury
16		or disease can no longer reasonably be anticipated based upon reasonable medical
17		probability.
18	13.	"Director" means the director of the organization.
19	14.	"Disability" means loss of earnings capacity and may be permanent total, temporary
20		total, or partial.
21	15.	"Doctor" means doctor of medicine or osteopathy, chiropractor, dentist, optometrist,
22		podiatrist, or psychologist acting within the scope of the doctor's license, or an
23		advanced practice registered nurse or certified physician assistant.
24	16.	"Employee" means a person who performs hazardous employment for another for
25		remuneration unless the person is an independent contractor under the common-law
26		test.
27		a. The term includes:
28		(1) All elective and appointed officials of this state and its political subdivisions,
29		including municipal corporations and including the members of the
30		legislative assembly, all elective officials of the several counties of this state,
31		and all elective peace officers of any city.

1		(2)	Alien	S.
2		(3)	Cour	nty general assistance workers, except those who are engaged in
3			repa	ying to counties moneys that the counties have been compelled by
4			statu	te to expend for county general assistance.
5		(4)	Mino	rs, whether lawfully or unlawfully employed; a minor is deemed sui juris
6			for th	e purposes of this title, and no other person has any claim for relief or
7			right	to claim workforce safety and insurance benefits for any injury to a
8			mino	r worker, but in the event of the award of a lump sum of benefits to a
9			mino	r employee, the lump sum may be paid only to the legally appointed
10			guar	dian of the minor.
11	b.	The	term	does not include:
12		(1)	Any	person whose employment is both casual and not in the course of the
13			trade	e, business, profession, or occupation of that person's employer.
14		(2)	Any	person who is engaged in an illegal enterprise or occupation.
15		(3)	The	spouse of an employer or a child under the age of twenty-two of an
16			emp	oyer. For purposes of this paragraph and section 65-07-01, "child"
17			mea	ns any legitimate child, stepchild, adopted child, foster child, or
18			ackn	owledged illegitimate child.
19		(4)	Any	real estate broker or real estate salesperson, provided the person
20			meet	ts the following three requirements:
21			(a)	The salesperson or broker must be a licensed real estate agent under
22				section 43-23-05.
23			(b)	Substantially all of the salesperson's or broker's remuneration for the
24				services performed as a real estate agent must be directly related to
25				sales or other efforts rather than to the number of hours worked.
26			(C)	A written agreement must exist between the salesperson or broker
27				and the person or firm for whom the salesperson or broker works,
28				which agreement must provide that the salesperson or broker will not
29				be treated as an employee but rather as an independent contractor.

1			(5)	The members of the board of directors of a business corporation who are
2				not employed in any capacity by the corporation other than as members of
3				the board of directors.
4			(6)	Any individual delivering newspapers or shopping news, if substantially all of
5				the individual's remuneration is directly related to sales or other efforts
6				rather than to the number of hours worked and a written agreement exists
7				between the individual and the publisher of the newspaper or shopping
8				news which states that the individual is an independent contractor.
9			(7)	An employer.
10		C.	Pers	sons employed by a subcontractor, or by an independent contractor operating
11			und	er an agreement with the general contractor, for the purpose of this chapter
12			are	deemed to be employees of the general contractor who is liable and
13			resp	oonsible for the payments of premium for the coverage of these employees
14			unti	the subcontractor or independent contractor has secured the necessary
15			COV	erage and paid the premium for the coverage. This subdivision does not
16			imp	ose any liability upon a general contractor other than liability to the
17			orga	anization for the payment of premiums which are not paid by a subcontractor
18			or ir	ndependent contractor.
19	17.	"Em	nploye	er" means a person who engages or received the services of another for
20		rem	unera	ation unless the person performing the services is an independent contractor
21		und	er the	e common-law test. The term includes:
22		a.	The	state and all political subdivisions thereof.
23		b.	All p	public and quasi-public corporations in this state.
24		C.	Eve	ry person, partnership, limited liability company, association, and private
25			corp	poration, including a public service corporation.
26		d.	The	legal representative of any deceased employer.
27		e.	The	receiver or trustee of any person, partnership, limited liability company,
28			asso	ociation, or corporation having one or more employees as herein defined.
29		f.	The	president, vice presidents, secretary, or treasurer of a business corporation,
30			but	not members of the board of directors of a business corporation who are not
31			also	officers of the corporation.

1		g.	The managers of a limited liability company.	
2		h.	The president, vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, or board of directors of an	
3			association or cooperative organized under chapter 6-06, 10-12, 10-13, 10-15,	
4			36-08, or 49-21.	
5		i.	The clerk, assessor, treasurer, or any member of the board of supervisors of an	
6			organized township, if the person is not employed by the township in any other	
7			capacity.	
8		j.	A multidistrict special education unit.	
9		k.	An area career and technology center.	
10		I.	A regional education association.	
11	18.	"Fe	e schedule" means the payment formulas established in the organization	
12		pub	lication entitled "Medical and Hospital Fees".	
13	19.	"Fund" means the workforce safety and insurance fund.		
14	20.	"Hazardous employment" means any employment in which one or more employees		
15		are	employed regularly in the same business or in or about the establishment except:	
16		a.	Agricultural or domestic service.	
17		b.	Any employment of a common carrier by railroad.	
18		C.	Any employment for the transportation of property or persons by nonresidents,	
19			where, in such transportation, the highways are not traveled more than seven	
20			miles [11.27 kilometers] and return over the same route within the state of North	
21			Dakota.	
22		d.	All members of the clergy and employees of religious organizations engaged in	
23			the operation, maintenance, and conduct of the place of worship.	
24	21.	"He	alth care provider" includes a doctor, qualified nurse , pharmacist, audiologist,	
25		spe	ech language pathologist, or naturopath or any recognized practitioner providing	
26		skill	led services pursuant to the prescription of, or under the supervision or direction of	
27		any	of these individuals.	
28	<u>22.</u>	<u>"Me</u>	edical marijuana" means the use of all parts of the plant of the genus cannabis, the	
29		<u>see</u>	eds of the plant, the resin extracted from any part of the plant, and every compound,	
30		mai	nufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, the seeds of the	
31		plar	nt, or the resin extracted from any part of the plant as a physician-recommended	

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1		form of medicine or herbal therapy. The term does not include treatments or			
2		preparations specifically approved by the United States food and drug administration			
3		as a drug product.			
4	22.<u>23.</u>	"Organization" means workforce safety and insurance, or the director, or any			
5		department head, assistant, or employee of workforce safety and insurance			
6		designated by the director, to act within the course and scope of that person's			
7		employment in administering the policies, powers, and duties of this title.			
8	23.<u>24.</u>	"Parent" includes a stepparent and a parent by adoption.			
9	24.<u>25.</u>	"Permanent impairment" means the loss of or loss of use of a member of the body			
10		existing after the date of maximum medical improvement and includes disfigurement			
11		resulting from an injury.			
12	25. 26.	"Permanent total disability" means disability that is the direct result of a compensable			
13		injury that prevents an employee from performing any work and results from any one			
14		of the following conditions:			
15		a. Total and permanent loss of sight of both eyes;			
16		b. Loss of both legs or loss of both feet at or above the ankle;			
17		c. Loss of both arms or loss of both hands at or above the wrist;			
18		d. Loss of any two of the members or faculties in subdivision a, b, or c;			
19		e. Permanent and complete paralysis of both legs or both arms or of one leg and			
20		one arm;			
21		f. Third-degree burns that cover at least forty percent of the body and require			
22		grafting;			
23		g. A medically documented brain injury affecting cognitive and mental functioning			
24		which renders an employee unable to provide self-care and requires supervision			
25		or assistance with a majority of the activities of daily living; or			
26		h. A compensable injury that results in a permanent partial impairment rating of the			
27		whole body of at least twenty-five percent pursuant to section 65-05-12.2.			
28		If the employee has not reached maximum medical improvement within one hundred			
29		four weeks, the employee may receive a permanent partial impairment rating if a			
30		rating will assist the organization in assessing the employee's capabilities. Entitlement			
31		to a rating is solely within the discretion of the organization.			

1 26.27. "Rehabilitation services" means nonmedical services reasonably necessary to restore 2 a disabled employee to substantial gainful employment as defined by section 3 65-05.1-01 as near as possible. The term may include vocational evaluation, 4 counseling, education, workplace modification, vocational retraining including training 5 for alternative employment with the same employer, and job placement assistance. 6 27.28. "Seasonal employment" includes occupations that are not permanent or that do not 7 customarily operate throughout the entire year. Seasonal employment is determined 8 by what is customary with respect to the employer at the time of injury. 9 28.29. "Spouse" includes only the decedent's husband or wife who was living with the 10 decedent or was dependent upon the decedent for support at the time of injury. 11 29.30. "Temporary total disability" means disability that results in the inability of an employee 12 to earn wages as a result of a compensable injury for which disability benefits may not 13 exceed a cumulative total of one hundred four weeks or the date the employee 14 reaches maximum medical improvement or maximum medical recovery, whichever 15 occurs first. 16 "Utilization review" means the initial and continuing evaluation of appropriateness in 30.<u>31.</u> 17 terms of both the level and the quality of health care and health services provided a 18 patient, based on medically accepted standards. The evaluation must be 19 accomplished by means of a system that identifies the utilization of medical services, 20 based on medically accepted standards, and which refers instances of possible 21 inappropriate utilization to the organization to obtain opinions and recommendations of 22 expert medical consultants to review individual cases for which administrative action 23 may be deemed necessary. 24 31.<u>32.</u> a. "Wages" means: 25 (1) An employee's remuneration from all employment reportable to the internal 26 revenue service as earned income for federal income tax purposes. 27 (2) For members of the national guard who sustain a compensable injury while 28 on state active duty, "wages" includes income from federal employment and 29 may be included in determining the average weekly wage. 30 For purposes of chapter 65-04 only, "wages" means all gross earnings of all (3) 31 employees. The term includes all pretax deductions for amounts allocated

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1			by the employee for deferred compensation, medical reimbursement,			
2			retirement, or any similar program, but may not include dismissal or			
3			severance pay.			
4		b.	The organization may consider postinjury wages for which coverage was not			
5			required or otherwise secured in North Dakota for purposes of determining			
6			appropriate vocational rehabilitation options or entitlement to disability benefits			
7			under this title.			
8	8 SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 8 of section 65-05-07 of the North Dakota Century					
9	Code is	amei	nded and reenacted as follows:			
10	8.	The	e organization may not pay for:			
11		a.	Personal items that are for the injured employee's personal use or hygiene,			
12			including toothbrushes, slippers, shampoo, and soap.			
13		b.	AnyA product or item such asincluding clothing or footwear unless the items are			
14			considered orthopedic devices and are prescribed by the treating doctor or health			
15			care provider.			
16		C.	Any furniture Furniture except hospital beds, shower stools, wheelchairs, or			
17			whirlpools if prescribed by the treating doctor or health care provider.			
18		d.	Vitamins and food supplements except in those cases in which the injury causes			
19			severe dietary problems, the injury results in the employee's paraplegia or			
20			quadriplegia, or the employee becomes wheelchair-bound due to the injury.			
21		e.	Eye examinations unless there is a reasonable potential for injury to the			
22			employee's eyes as a result of the injury.			
23		f.	Private hospital or nursing home rooms except in cases of extreme medical			
24			necessity and only when directed by the attending doctor. If the employee desires			
25			better accommodations than those ordered by the attending doctor, the employee			
26			will pay the difference in cost.			
27		g.	Serological tests, including VDRL and RPR, or other tests for venereal disease or			
28			pregnancy, or any other routine tests unless clearly necessitated by the injury.			
29		h.	Aids or programs primarily intended to help the employee lose weight or stop			
30			smoking unless ordered by the organization.			
31		i.	Home gymnasium or exercise equipment unless ordered by the organization.			

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- 1 j. Memberships or monthly dues to health clubs, unless ordered by the 2 organization.
- 3 k. Massage, unless ordered by the organization.
 - I. Medical marijuana.

5 SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 65-05-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

65-05-08. Disability benefits - Not paid unless period of disability is of five days'
duration or more - Application required - Suspended during confinement - Duty to report
wages.

10 No benefits Benefits may not be paid for disability, the duration of which is less than five 11 consecutive calendar days. An employer may not require an employee to use sick leave or 12 annual leave, or other employer-paid time off work, before applying for benefits under this 13 section, in lieu of receiving benefits under this section, or in conjunction with benefits provided 14 under this section, but may allow an employee to use sick leave or annual leave to make up the 15 difference between the employee's wage-loss benefits and the employee's regular pay. If the 16 period of disability is five consecutive calendar days' duration or longer, benefits must be paid 17 for the period of disability provided that:

- When disability benefits are discontinued, the organization may not begin payment
 again unless the injured employee files a reapplication for disability benefits on a form
 supplied by the organization. In case of reapplication, the award may commence no
 more than thirty days before the date of reapplication. Disability benefits must be
 reinstated upon proof by the injured employee that:
- a. The employee has sustained a significant change in the compensable medical
 condition;
- b. The employee has sustained an actual wage loss caused by the significant
 change in the compensable medical condition; and
- c. The employee has not retired or voluntarily withdrawn from the job market asdefined in section 65-05-09.3.
- All payments Payments of disability and rehabilitation benefits of anyan employee who
 is eligible for, or receiving, benefits under this title must be suspended when the
 employee is confined in a penitentiary, jail, youth correctional facility, or any other

penal institution for a period of between seventy-two consecutive hours and one
hundred eighty consecutive days. All paymentsPayments of disability and
rehabilitation benefits of anyan employee who is eligible for, or receiving, benefits
under this title must be discontinued when the employee is confined in a penitentiary,
jail, youth correctional facility, or any other penal institution for a period in excess of
one hundred eighty consecutive days.

7 AnyAn employee who is eligible for, or receiving disability or rehabilitation benefits 3. 8 under this title shall report any wages earned, from part-time or full-time work from any 9 source. If an employee fails to report wages earned, the employee shall refund to the 10 organization anyall disability or vocational rehabilitation benefits overpaid by the 11 organization for that time period. To facilitate recovery of those benefits, the 12 organization may offset future benefits payable, under section 65-05-29. If the 13 employee willfully fails to report wages earned, the employee is subject to the 14 penalties in section 65-05-33. An employee shall report whether the employee has 15 performed work or received wages. The organization periodically shall provide a form 16 to all injured employees receiving disability or rehabilitation benefits which the injured 17 employee must complete to retain eligibility for further disability or rehabilitation 18 benefits, regardless of the date of injury or claim filing. The form will advise the injured 19 employee of the possible penalties for failure to report any work or activities as 20 required by this section. An injured employee who is receiving disability or vocational 21 rehabilitation benefits must report any work activities to the organization whether or 22 not the injured employee receives any wages. An injured employee who is receiving 23 disability or vocational rehabilitation benefits also must also report any other activity if 24 the injured employee receives any money, including prize winnings, from undertaking 25 that activity, regardless of expenses or whether there is a net profit. For purposes of 26 this subsection, "work" does not include routine daily activities of self-care or family 27 care, or routine maintenance of the home and yard, and "activities" does not include 28 recreational gaming or passive investment endeavors.

4. An employee shall request disability benefits on a claim form furnished by the
organization. Disability benefits may not commence more than one year prior to the
date of filing of the initial claim for disability benefits.

- The provisions of this section apply to any disability claim asserted against the fund on
 or after July 1, 1991, irrespective of injury date.
 It is the burden of the employee to show that the inability to obtain employment or to
 earn as much as the employee earned at the time of injury is due to physical limitation
- related to the injury, and that any wage loss claimed is the result of the compensableinjury.
- 7 7. If the employee voluntarily limits income or refuses to accept employment suitable to
 8 the employee's capacity, offered to or procured for the employee, the employee is not
 9 entitled to any disability or vocational rehabilitation benefits during the limitation of
 10 income or refusal to accept employment unless the organization determines the
 11 limitation or refusal is justified.
- The organization may not pay disability benefits unless the loss of earning capacity
 exceeds ten percent. The injured employee may earn up to ten percent of the
 employee's preinjury average gross weekly earnings with no reduction in total
 disability benefits. The employee must report any earnings to the organization for a
 determination of whether the employee is within the limit set in this subsection.
- 9. Upon securing suitable employment, the injured employee shall notify the organization
 of the name and address of the employer, the date the employment began, and the
 amount of wages being received. If the injured employee is receiving disability
 benefits, the injured employee shall notify the organization whenever there is a change
 in work status or wages received.
- 10. The organization shall pay to an employee receiving disability benefits a dependency
 allowance for each child of the employee at the rate of fifteen dollars per week per
 child.
- 25 11. Dependency allowance for the children may be made directly to either parent or26 guardian at the discretion of the organization.
- 27 <u>12.</u> The organization may not pay wage loss benefits if the wage loss is related to the use
 28 <u>or presence of medical marijuana.</u>

SECTION 4. APPLICATION. Sections 2 and 3 of this Act apply to all claims regardless of
 date of injury.