



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 319***

LCO No. 1686



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MAXIMUM MEDICAL IMPROVEMENT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) No employer or  
2 insurer shall deny an employee who has suffered an injury for which  
3 compensation is provided under the provisions of chapter 568 of the  
4 general statutes and which results in partial or total incapacity to  
5 work, medical and surgical aid or hospital and nursing service, as  
6 defined in section 31-275 of the general statutes, solely because such  
7 employee's physician or surgeon has diagnosed the employee as  
8 attaining maximum medical improvement. For purposes of this  
9 section, "maximum medical improvement" means a point in time when  
10 any medically determinable physical impairment as a result of injury  
11 has become stable and when no further treatment is reasonably  
12 expected to improve the condition.

13 (b) An employer or insurer shall furnish medical and surgical aid or  
14 hospital and nursing service to any employee who has suffered an  
15 injury for which compensation is provided under the provisions of  
16 chapter 568 of the general statutes and which results in partial or total

17 incapacity to work and is diagnosed by such employee's physician or  
18 surgeon as attaining maximum medical improvement for the purpose  
19 of continued treatment of the physical impairment that resulted in the  
20 diagnosis of maximum medical improvement.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |             |
| Section 1   | <i>October 1, 2014</i> | New section |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To bar employers and insurers from denying medical and surgical aid or hospital and nursing service to an employee who has suffered an injury for which compensation is provided under the provisions of chapter 568 and has attained maximum medical improvement.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*