

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 1 of the title, delete "and"; after "4123.026" insert ", and 1
4123.651" 2

In line 6 of the title, after "employment" insert "and regarding 3
medical release forms for workers' compensation claims" 4

In line 7, delete "and"; after "4123.026" insert ", and 4123.651" 5

After line 1100, insert: 6

"Sec. 4123.651. (A) The employer of a claimant who is 7
injured or disabled in the course of ~~his~~ the claimant's 8
employment may require, without the approval of the 9
administrator or the industrial commission, that the claimant be 10
examined by a physician of the employer's choice one time upon 11
any issue asserted by the employee or a physician of the 12
employee's choice or which is to be considered by the 13
commission. Any further requests for medical examinations shall 14
be made to the commission which shall consider and rule on the 15
request. The employer shall pay the cost of any examinations 16
initiated by the employer. 17



(B) The bureau of workers' compensation shall prepare or 18
adopt a form for the release of medical information, records, 19
and reports relative to the issues necessary for the 20
administration of a claim under this chapter. The claimant 21
promptly shall provide a current signed ~~release form, or an~~ 22
equivalent form such as the standard form under section 3798.10 23
of the Revised Code, for the release of the information, 24
records, and reports when requested by the employer. The 25
employer promptly shall provide copies of all medical 26
information, records, and reports to the bureau and to the 27
claimant or ~~his~~ the claimant's representative upon request. 28

Medical information, records, and reports shall be related 29
causally or historically to physical, psychological, or 30
psychiatric injuries relevant to the claimant's workers' 31
compensation claim. 32

(C) If, without good cause, an employee refuses to submit 33
to any examination scheduled under this section or refuses to 34
release or execute a release for any medical information, 35
record, or report that is required to be released under this 36
section and involves an issue pertinent to the condition alleged 37
in the claim, ~~his~~ the employee's right to have ~~his~~ the 38
employee's claim for compensation or benefits considered, if ~~his~~ 39
the employee's claim is pending before the administrator, 40
commission, or a district or staff hearing officer, or to 41
receive any payment for compensation or benefits previously 42
granted, is suspended during the period of refusal. 43

(D) No bureau or commission employee shall alter any 44
medical report obtained from a health care provider the bureau 45
or commission has selected or cause or request the health care 46
provider to alter or change a report. The bureau and commission 47

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| shall make any request for clarification of a health care | 48 |
| provider's report in writing and shall provide a copy of the | 49 |
| request to the affected parties and their representatives at the | 50 |
| time of making the request." | 51 |
| In line 1101, delete "and" | 52 |
| In line 1102, after "4123.026" insert ", and 4123.651" | 53 |

The motion was _____ agreed to.

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| <u>SYNOPSIS</u> | 54 |
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| Medical release forms | 55 |
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| R.C. 4123.651 | 56 |
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| Allows a workers' compensation claimant who is required to | 57 |
| sign a release of medical information form to provide a signed | 58 |
| equivalent form, including the standard authorization form | 59 |
| adopted by the Medicaid Director under continuing law. | 60 |

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| Requires medical information, records, and reports | 61 |
| released in accordance with a signed form to be related causally | 62 |
| or historically to physical, psychological, or psychiatric | 63 |
| injuries relevant to the claimant's workers' compensation claim. | 64 |