

By: Senator(s) Horhn, Simmons, Butler

To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2724

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 71-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE PERIOD OF TIME DURING WHICH A CLAIMANT MAY RECEIVE
3 WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT PAYMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 71-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 71-3-13. (1) Compensation for disability or in death cases
8 shall not exceed sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66-2/3%) of the
9 average weekly wage for the state per week, nor shall it be less
10 than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per week except in partial
11 dependency cases and in partial disability cases.

12 (2) Maximum recovery: The total recovery of compensation
13 hereunder, exclusive of medical payments under Section 71-3-15,
14 arising from the injury to an employee or the death of an
15 employee, or any combination of such injury or death, shall not
16 exceed the multiple of five hundred twenty (520) weeks times
17 sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66-2/3%) of the average weekly
18 wage for the state.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
20 and after July 1, 2007.