

HOUSE BILL 1964

By Sargent

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6 and Title 56, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 50-6-135. Any injury or personal injury that is sustained by an employee following the conclusion of a workers' compensation claim by the employee against the original employer through settlement approval or final trial order shall not be considered an accident arising out of and in the course of employment with the original employer even though the employee's medical benefits remained open pursuant to this chapter and the employee suffers personal injury as a result of an accident or incident that occurs during authorized medical treatment or travel to or from any authorized medical treatment, or both. Such accident and subsequent injury shall not be considered a new workers' compensation claim against the original employer under this chapter nor a reason to re-open the first workers' compensation claim against the original employer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.