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2025

AB 1336 (Addis) - Would create a presumption that a heat-related illness or injury is occupational if the employer fails to comply with any one of the dozens of heat illness prevention standard provisions in Sections 6721 or 3395 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. **DEFEATED**

SB 555 (Caballero) - Would have increased Permanent Disability benefits annually by applying the same COLA that is applied to Social Security Benefits. **AMENDED**

2024

AB 597 (Rodriguez) - Would have expanded the workers' compensation presumption for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to emergency medical technicians (EMT) and paramedics. **DEFEATED**

SB 1205 (Laird) - Would have required temporary disability to be paid to injured workers who must miss work time to attend medical appointments for the workplace injury. **DEFEATED**

SB 1346 (Durazo) - Would have authorized the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to award temporary disability benefits if a denial of treatment requested by a treating physician is subsequently overturned by independent medical review, on or after January 1, 2025. **DEFEATED**

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2023

AB 597 (Rodriguez) – Would have expanded California's PTSD presumption to include public and private sector paramedics and emergency medical technicians. **DEFEATED**

SB 623 (Laird) – Would have similarly expanded the existing PTSD presumption to include dispatchers/emergency communicators; successfully downgraded this into a study bill. **AMENDED**

AB 1213 (Ortega) – Would have required all TD paid between the date of a UR denial and the IMR overturn of that denial to be outside of the 104-week cap. **DEFEATED**

AB 1156 (Bonta) – Would have implemented an expansive presumption for hospital workers, covering cancer, infectious diseases, pulmonary injury, all musculoskeletal injuries and more. **DEFEATED**

COVID-19 Presumption – Worked to ensure that the COVID-19 presumption policy adopted during the pandemic would end, and it did! **DEFEATED**

2022

SB 284 (Stern) – Would have expanded the PTSD presumption passed in 2018 by the same author. **DEFEATED**

2021

AB 1465 (Reyes) – Would have killed MPNs by establishing a state-run "California MPN" that would include all doctors in all other MPNS and allowed injured workers to access any physician in the "California MPN". **DEFEATED**

2020

SB 567 / SB 893 (Caballero) – Would have implemented an expansive presumption for hospital workers, covering cancer, infectious diseases, pulmonary injury, all musculoskeletal injuries and more. **DEFEATED**

COVID-19 Presumption – Effectively mitigated and shaped the COVID-19 presumption to make it workable for California employers, ensuring that the policy developed under executive order by Gov. Newsom was rational and time limited. **AMENDED**