

A Bill for an Act Relating to Temporary Disability Insurance.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 392-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 392-26 Care by physician or equivalent required. (a) An individual shall be ineligible to receive temporary disability benefits with respect to any period during which he is not under the care of a person duly licensed to practice medicine, surgery, dentistry, chiropractic, or osteopathy, who shall certify, in the form and manner specified by regulation of the director, the disability of the claimant, the probable duration thereof, and such other medical facts within his knowledge as required by regulation.

(b) This section shall not apply to an individual who, pursuant to the teachings, faith, or belief of any group, depends for healing upon prayer or other spiritual means. In that case the disability, the probable duration thereof,

and any other pertinent facts required to be certified by regulation of the director shall be certified, in the form and manner specified by the regulation, by a duly authorized or accredited practitioner of such group.

(c) The proof of disability duly certified by a person licensed to practice medicine, surgery, dentistry, chiropractic, or osteopathy, or an authorized or accredited practitioner of any group which depends for healing upon prayer or other spiritual means shall be submitted by such certifying person to the disabled employee within seven working days after the date on which the employee was examined and found disabled. If the certifying person fails to submit the required proof within seven working days, the director, upon notification by the insurer, may levy a penalty of \$25 for each delinquent certification where the certifying person fails to show good cause for his failure to file on time.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1973.

(Approved May 24, 1973.)

*Edited accordingly.