ACT 69

H.B. NO. 2289

A Bill for an Act Relating to Workers' Compensation.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to make worker's compensation claims review consistent with the physical therapist practice law and with other insurance claims review practice.

SECTION 2. Section 386-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definitions of "medical care", "medical services", or "medical supplies", to read as follows:

"Medical care", "medical services", or "medical supplies" means every type of care, meatment, surgery, hospitalization, attendance, service, and supplies as the nature of the work injury requires, and includes such care, services, and supplies rendered or furnished by a licensed or certified physician, dispensing optician, physical therapist, <u>physical therapist assistant as recognized pursuant to 461J-3(e)</u>, nurse, advanced practice registered nurse as recognized pursuant to chapter 457, or masseur."

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 27, 2000.)