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H.B. No. 2544

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the payment of attorneys' fee liens in certain workers' compensation benefit matters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 408.203, Labor Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a), part (1) to read as follows:

(1) an attorney's fee for representing an employee or legal beneficiary in a matter arising under this subtitle, payment of which shall be made in equal shares to each attorney with an outstanding lien;

SECTION 2. Section 408.221, Labor Code, is amended by amending Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) Except as provided by Subsection (c) or Section 408.147(c), ~~an~~ all attorney's fee may not exceed 25 percent of the claimant's recovery.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009, and applies only to legal fees for a claim for workers' compensation benefits based on a compensable injury that occurs on or after that date. Legal fees for a claim based on a compensable injury that occurs before that date are governed by the law in effect on the date that the compensable injury occurred, and the former law is

continued in effect for that purpose.

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