

1-1 By: Zerwas (Senate Sponsor - Campbell) H.B. No. 2546
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2017;
 1-3 May 3, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
 1-4 & Commerce; May 17, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to completion of work status reports by a physician
 1-20 assistant under the workers' compensation system.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 408.025, Labor Code, is amended by
 1-23 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-24 (a-1) A treating doctor may delegate to a physician
 1-25 assistant who is licensed to practice in this state under Chapter
 1-26 204, Occupations Code, the authority to complete and sign a work
 1-27 status report regarding an injured employee's ability to return to
 1-28 work. The delegating treating doctor is responsible for the acts of
 1-29 the physician assistant under this subsection.

1-30 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-31 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-32 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-34 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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