

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1497
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2017; March 20, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
 1-4 April 18, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 18, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Creighton	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Estes	X			
1-11 Nichols	X			
1-12 Schwertner	X			
1-13 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-14 Whitmire	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the eligibility requirements for employment as an
 1-20 ombudsman of the Office of Injured Employee Counsel under the Texas
 1-21 Workers' Compensation Act.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 404.152(b), Labor Code, is amended to
 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (b) To be eligible for designation as an ombudsman, a person
 1-26 must:

1-27 (1) demonstrate satisfactory knowledge of the
 1-28 requirements of:

1-29 (A) this subtitle and the provisions of Subtitle
 1-30 C that relate to claims management;

1-31 (B) other laws relating to workers'
 1-32 compensation; and

1-33 (C) rules adopted under this subtitle and the
 1-34 laws described under Subdivision (1)(B);

1-35 (2) have demonstrated experience in handling and
 1-36 resolving problems for the general public; and

1-37 (3) possess strong interpersonal skills[~~and~~
 1-38 [~~(4) have at least one year of demonstrated experience~~
 1-39 ~~in the field of workers' compensation]~~.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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