

**SB 6226-S.E - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/13/18)

Requires a self-insured employer to ensure that relevant medical records of an injured worker scheduled for an independent medical exam are provided as electronic medical records to the independent medical exam physician or physicians; if electronic records are not possible, paper records must be delivered to the physician or physicians at least ten business days before the exam.

Requires the director of the department of labor and industries to adopt policies developed by the telemedicine collaborative to establish access to telemedicine for independent medical exams and reimburse independent medical exam physicians for services.

Requires the telemedicine collaborative to: (1) Develop policies for the department to establish access to telemedicine for independent medical exams and reimburse the physicians for services in a manner that is similar to the policies developed for commercial health insurance plans and medicaid managed care plans; and

(2) Develop a training program to train physicians who perform independent medical exams.