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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to replacement of prosthetic devices under the
2 workers' compensation program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 85.27, subsection 1, Code 2020, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The employer, for all injuries compensable under this
4 chapter or **chapter 85A**, shall furnish reasonable surgical,
5 medical, dental, osteopathic, chiropractic, podiatric, physical
6 rehabilitation, nursing, ambulance, and hospital services
7 and supplies therefor and shall allow reasonably necessary
8 transportation expenses incurred for such services. The
9 employer shall also furnish reasonable and necessary crutches,
10 artificial members and appliances ~~but shall not be required~~
11 ~~to furnish more than one set of permanent prosthetic devices.~~
12 A person shall be entitled to replacement of a prosthetic
13 device, including subsequent replacements, by the employer if
14 the prosthetic device is needed as a result of a compensable
15 injury, and the replacement of the prosthetic device would
16 otherwise be considered reasonable medical care under this
17 chapter.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill provides that a person is entitled to replacement
22 of a prosthetic device, including subsequent replacements,
23 by an employer under the workers' compensation program if
24 the prosthetic device is needed as a result of a compensable
25 injury, and the replacement of the prosthetic device would
26 otherwise be considered reasonable medical care. Under current
27 law, an employer is not required to furnish more than one set
28 of permanent prosthetic devices.