

**House Study Bill 668 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON COMMERCE BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON LUNDGREN)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to replacements of permanent prosthetic devices  
2 for injured workers.

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

1 Section 1. Section 85.27, subsection 1, Code 2022, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. The employer, for all injuries compensable under  
4 this 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~~

11 b. An employer shall not be required to furnish more than  
12 one set of permanent prosthetic devices.

13 c. Paragraph "b" shall not apply if a permanent prosthetic  
14 device is a replacement of a permanent prosthetic device that  
15 is medically necessary as a result of a compensable injury that  
16 occurred while the employee was employed by the employer and  
17 the replacement of the prosthetic device would be considered  
18 reasonable medical care under this chapter.

19 EXPLANATION

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

22 This bill requires an employer to furnish to an employee  
23 a replacement permanent prosthetic device that is medically  
24 necessary as a result of a compensable injury that occurred  
25 while the employee was employed by the employer and the  
26 replacement of the prosthetic device would be considered  
27 reasonable medical care for the purposes of workers'  
28 compensation.