

	2017 LEGISLATIVE CROSS REFERENCE		
NRS	BILL	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATE
616C, New	AB 458, Sec. 2	Adds a new provision to Chptr. 616C making "Directly connect this injury or occupational disease as job incurred" and "A reasonable medical probability that the condition in question was caused by the industrial injury" equivalent and interchangeable.	7/1/2017
616C, New	AB 458, Sec. 3	Adds a new provision to Chptr. 616C authorizing an injured employee to schedule their own IME, once a year, paid for by the insurer, when the claim is open, claim closure is in dispute or a hearing or appeal is pending. A copy of the IME report to be provided upon request to the insurer.	7/1/2017
616C, New	AB 458, Sec. 4	Adds a new provision to Chptr. 616C requiring the selection of voc rehab counselors by agreement or if no agreement, the insurer providing a list of 3 from which the injured employee makes a selection within 7 days. (Does not address when IE fails to make a selection.)	7/1/2017
616C.230	AB 135, Sec. 17	Amends the reference to 484C.110, which now requires testing for marijuana by blood only of marijuana (9) at 2 nanograms per milliliter or marijuana metabolite (11) at 5 nanograms per milliliter.	7/1/2017
616C.235	AB 458, Sec. 7.3	Increases the amount from \$300 to \$800 in medical expenses in the first 12 months for claim closure without reopening.	7/1/2017
616C.390	AB 458, Sec. 7.7	Adds new subsection 11 defining "retired", "wages" and governmental program." "Retired " is used in existing subsection 6 discussing reopening and disqualification from receiving voc rehab or TTD benefits.	7/1/2017
616C.400	AB 267, Sec. 1	Adds a new subsection 1(c) excluding NRS 617.453, 617.455 or 617.457 from the 5 days of disability before qualifying for TTD.	Claims incurred on or after 10/1/2017

616C.490	AB 458, Sec. 8	Inserts a new subsection 10 which overturns the Supreme Court decision in PACT v. Blake and authorizes PPD apportionment by simple subtraction of prior awards, rather than calculating the prior disability under the AMA 5th Ed. of the Guides and then subtracting.	7/1/2017
616C.495	AB 458, Sec. 9	Amends this statute in two ways: FIRST, it amends subsection 1(d) by clarifying lump sum PPDs for injuries incurred between 1/1/95 to 1/1/16 a 25% or 30% maximum, at the option to the insurer, and creates in new subsection 1(e) confirming the 1/1/16 to 7/1/17 30% LS PPD; and in new subsection 1(f) for injuries incurred on or after 7/1/17 of 30% LS PPD. SECOND, it amends subsection 5 to require that the present value table for LS PPDs (set forth in NAC 616C.502) be adjusted on July 1 of each year using: (5)(a) "The most recent unisex 'Static Mortality Tables for Defined Benefit Pension Plans' published by the Internal Revenue System"; and (5)(b) "The average 30-Year Treasury Constant Maturity Rate for March of the current year as reported by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System."	7/1/2017
617.420	AB 267, Sec. 2	Amends subsection 2 and clarifies that medical benefits must be paid for claims under NRS 617.453, 617.455 or 617.457.	Claims incurred on or after 10/1/2017
617.454	AB 267, Sec. 3	Adds new subsection 3 limiting the release of an employee's physical examination results.	10/1/2017
617.455	SB 153, Sec. 2.5 (2015)	In 2015 added a new Subsection 6 which provides that frequent or regular use of tobacco within 1 year, or a material departure from physician's prescribed plan of care within 3 months, immediately preceding the filing of a claim for compensation excludes a person who is separated from service from the benefit of the conclusive presumption set forth in subsection 5.	7/1/2017

617.455	AB 267, Sec. 4	Adds a new subsection 10 requiring the DIR Administrator to review police officer's and fire fighter's lung claims which have been in the appeals process for longer than 6 months. Adds a new subsection 11 which authorizes the DIR Administrator to award a benefit penalty of up to \$200 per day for a denied claim which is ultimately reversed.	Claims incurred on or after 10/1/2017
617.457	SB 153, Sec. 3.5 (2015)	In 2015 added a new Subsection 2 which provides that frequent or regular use of tobacco within 1 year, or a material departure from physician's prescribed plan of care within 3 months, immediately preceding the filing of a claim for compensation excludes a person who is separated from service from the benefit of the conclusive presumption set forth in subsection 1.	7/1/2017
617.457	AB 267, Sec. 5	Adds a new subsection 15 requiring the DIR Administrator to review police officer's and firefighter's heart claims which have been in the appeals process for longer than 6 months. Adds a new subsection 16 which authorizes the DIR Administrator to award a benefit penalty of up to \$200 per day for a denied claim which is ultimately reversed.	Claims incurred on or after 10/1/2017