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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workers' compensation; regulating fees for certain rehabilitation
1.3 services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 176.102, subdivision 2.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 176.102, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Administrators.** The commissioner shall hire a director of rehabilitation
1.7 services in the classified service. The commissioner shall monitor and supervise
1.8 rehabilitation services, including, but not limited to, making determinations regarding the
1.9 selection and delivery of rehabilitation services and the criteria used to approve qualified
1.10 rehabilitation consultants and rehabilitation vendors. The commissioner may also make
1.11 determinations regarding fees for rehabilitation services and shall by rule establish a
1.12 fee schedule or otherwise limit fees charged by ~~qualified rehabilitation consultants and~~
1.13 ~~vendors.~~ Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, the maximum hourly rate for fees
1.14 charged by a qualified rehabilitation consultant is \$93.42. The maximum rate set by this
1.15 subdivision for fees charged by qualified rehabilitation consultants must be adjusted
1.16 annually each October 1 by the percentage adjustment determined under section 176.645
1.17 but without the cap on increases provided by that section. The commissioner shall
1.18 annually ~~review the fees and~~ give notice of any the adjustment in the State Register.
1.19 ~~By March 1, 1993, the commissioner shall report to the legislature on the status of the~~
1.20 ~~commission's monitoring of rehabilitation services.~~ The commissioner may hire qualified
1.21 personnel to assist in the commissioner's duties under this section and may delegate the
1.22 duties and performance.

1.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2007.