Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Required Posting

Section 4123.54 of the Ohio Revised Code requires notice of rebuttable presumption. Rebuttable presumption means an employee may dispute or prove untrue the presumption (or belief) that alcohol, marijuana, or a controlled substance not prescribed by the employee's physician, is the proximate cause (main reason) of the work-related injury.

The burden of proof is on the employee to prove the presence of alcohol, marijuana or a controlled substance was not the proximate cause of the work-related injury. An employee who tests positive or refuses to submit to chemical testing may be disqualified for compensation and benefits under the Workers' Compensation Act.