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Entitlement to Temporary Total Disability Benefits and Layoff

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The Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission has consistently ruled that if you are hurt at work and placed on a light duty job and during this light duty placement are laid off, you are entitled to collect temporary total disability benefits (workers' compensation) until your condition reaches Maximum Medical Improvement (MMI). The weekly benefit must be paid as long as the injured worker is actively treating and the restrictions remain in place. If the worker is placed on a permanent restriction, vocational assistance may be appropriate. Recently, our Illinois Supreme Court extended the protection of the Workers' Compensation Act and ruled that even if an injured worker is terminated while under treatment, he or she is entitled to weekly workers' compensation temporary total disability benefits.