

APPEAL NO. 011370  
FILED AUGUST 09, 2001

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on May 17, 2001. The hearing officer resolved the sole appealed issue by determining that the respondent (claimant) had disability as a result of his compensable \_\_\_\_\_, injury from August 28, 2000, to February 7, 2001. The appellant (carrier) appealed on sufficiency grounds, and the claimant did not respond.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in determining that the claimant had disability as a result of the \_\_\_\_\_, compensable injury from August 28, 2000, to February 7, 2001. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a). This is equally true of expert medical evidence. See Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 92056, decided April 3, 1992, which cites Texas Employers Insurance Association v. Campos, 666 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. App.-Houston [14th Dist.] 1984, no writ). There was conflicting evidence presented on the issue of disability. Nothing in our review of the record indicates that the challenged determination is so against the great weight of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Accordingly, no sound basis exists for us to disturb the determination of the hearing officer on appeal. Pool v. Ford Motor Company, 715 S.W.2d 629, 635 (Tex. 1986); Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

The hearing officer's decision and order are affirmed.

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Thomas A. Knapp  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Judy L. S. Barnes  
Appeals Judge

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Susan M. Kelley  
Appeals Judge