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John is 55 years old and is a high school graduate. He worked for an automobile company for 15 years on the assembly line. Prior to that time, he held other manual jobs.

John found that the bending necessary to perform his tasks on the assembly line at the automobile company aggravated his arthritic back condition, a condition that pre-existed his tenure at the automobile company. John stopped working saying he could no longer perform any of the assembly line tasks due to his back pain.

John seeks your legal advice on the merits of a workers' compensation claim for weekly wage loss benefits.

Identify and discuss the issue(s) presented in John's case under Michigan law. Address what type of information you, as his attorney, will need to elicit and develop in order to properly evaluate John's chances of prevailing on a claim for weekly wage loss benefits.

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