

government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 108

[House Bill No. 754]

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS—ADJUSTMENTS

AN ACT Relating to the adjustment of workers' compensation benefits; and amending section 2, chapter 286, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 202, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 51.32.075.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 286, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 202, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 51.32.075 are each amended to read as follows:

~~((Effective July 1 of each year,))~~ The compensation or death benefits payable pursuant to the provisions of this chapter(;) for temporary total disability, permanent total disability, or death arising out of injuries or occupational diseases shall be adjusted as follows:

(1) On July 1, 1979, there shall be an adjustment for those whose right to compensation was established on or after July 1, 1971, and before July 1, ((1975, an initial)) 1979. The adjustment shall be determined by multiplying the amount of compensation to which they are entitled by a fraction, the denominator of which shall be the maximum amount of compensation payable for the fiscal year in which such person's right to compensation was established, and the numerator of which shall be the maximum amount of compensation payable on ((September 21, 1977)) July 1, 1979.

(2) In addition to the adjustment established by subsection (1) of this section, there shall be another adjustment on July 1, 1980, for those whose right to compensation was established on or after July 1, ((1975)) 1971, and before July 1, ((1977, an initial adjustment)) 1980, which shall be determined by multiplying the amount of compensation to which they are entitled by a fraction, the denominator of which shall be the maximum amount of compensation payable for the fiscal year in which such person's right to compensation was established, and the numerator of which shall be the maximum amount of compensation payable on ((September 21, 1977)) July 1, 1980.

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