

appropriated and under the supervision of the County Road Engineer of Grant County.

Emergency.

SEC. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House February 28, 1949.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1949.

CHAPTER 145.

[H. B. 294.]

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF AND PENSION FUND.
AN ACT relating to volunteer firemen; and amending sections 11 and 22, chapter 261, Laws of 1945.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 11, chapter 261, Laws of 1945 (sec. 9578-25, Rem. Supp. 1945), is amended to read as follows:

Employment
of physician
for examina-
tions.

Section 11. The Board shall make provisions for the employment of a regularly licensed practicing physician for the examination of members of Fire Departments making application for membership at a fee of three dollars (\$3) for each fireman examined. Such appointed physician shall visit and examine all sick and injured firemen, perform such services and operations and render all medical aid and care necessary for the recovery of firemen on account of sickness or disability received while in the performance of duties. Such appointed physician shall be paid his fees from said fund but not in excess of the schedule of fees for like services approved by the State Medical Aid Board under the Workmen's Compensation Act. No other physi-

Fee for ex-
amination.

cian or surgeon, not appointed or specifically employed by the Board, shall receive or be entitled to any compensation from said fund as the private or attending physician of any fireman. No person shall have any right of action against the Board of Trustees of said fund for the negligence of any physician or surgeon employed by it. Any physician employed by the Board to attend upon any fireman shall report his findings in writing to said Board.

Report of
examination.

SEC. 2. Section 22, chapter 261, Laws of 1945 (sec. 9578-36, Rem. Supp. 1945), is amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

Section 22. Whenever any fireman shall become disabled or sick in the performance of his duties by reason of which he shall be confined to any hospital, an amount not exceeding sixty dollars (\$60) weekly, or a proportional amount for less than a whole week, shall be allowed and paid from said fund toward such hospital expenses for a period not exceeding twenty-six (26) weeks: *Provided*, That this allowance shall not be in lieu of but in addition to any other allowance in this act provided: *And further provided*, That costs of surgery, medicine, laboratory fees, X-ray, special therapies, and similar additional costs shall be paid in addition thereto.

Disability
payments.

Passed the House February 26, 1949.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1949.