

Director to
make rules.

SEC. 7. The Director of Highways shall have power to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

Use of
personal cars
permitted.

SEC. 8. This act shall not be construed to prohibit a state officer or employee from using his personal motor vehicle on state business and being reimbursed therefor.

Effective
April 1, 1943.

SEC. 9. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1943.

Passed the Senate February 3, 1943.

Passed the House March 9, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1943.

CHAPTER 226.

[S. B. 176.]

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

AN ACT relating to unemployment compensation, wage credits and benefits; providing certain wage credits for certain persons; placing certain duties on certain officers; making an appropriation; defining offenses and prescribing penalties; and repealing section 6, chapter 201, Laws of 1941 (section 10758-8, Rem. Supp. 1941).

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

Purpose.

SECTION 1. WHEREAS, economic insecurity for those men and women residents of the State of Washington who have been or will have been in the armed forces of the Military or Naval Services of the United States and any auxiliary organizations thereof during the present war would represent a total lack of public recognition for such service and constitute a serious menace to the health, morals and welfare of the people of this state, the State of Washington exercising herein its police and sovereign powers, does

hereby undertake to provide against such contingencies by affording protection against unemployment to the members of such services.

SEC. 2. The administration of this act shall be an integral part of the administration of the Washington Unemployment Compensation Act, chapter 162, Laws of 1937, as amended by chapter 214, Laws of 1939, as amended by chapter 253, Laws of 1941, sections 9998-101 to 9998-124, both inclusive, Remington's Revised Statutes, Supplement; section 9998-103a to 9998-119q, both inclusive, Rem. Supp. 1941. There shall be no separate administration provided for the effectuation of the provisions of this act and the responsibility for administering the same shall rest with the Commissioner of Unemployment Compensation and Placement. Administration.

SEC. 3. Any person who was a member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States, or of any Air Corps thereof, or any component part or auxiliary unit thereof as of June 30, 1940, or who entered or shall have entered such services subsequent to June 30, 1940, and who satisfies the following requirements: Requirements.

(1) Who has been honorably discharged or has been relieved from service with a certificate of satisfactory completion, or equivalent evidence thereof, and Honorable discharge.

(2) Who shall have resided within the State of Washington for a period of one (1) year immediately prior to entry into said service, proof of which residence shall be determined in such manner as the commissioner may by regulation prescribe, and Resident of state.

(3) Who shall file a claim for benefits under this section within three (3) years after honorable discharge, or equivalent evidence thereof, or after release from service with a certificate of satisfactory completion, or equivalent evidence thereof, or after the cessation of the present war hostilities, or after Filing of claim.

the date the Federal Government declares the present state of war emergency to have ceased, whichever is earliest, and who, in all other respects, meets the requirements of the Washington Unemployment Compensation Act, shall be eligible for and shall receive benefits from the Washington Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, on the basis of one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120) wage credit for the first complete calendar month of such service and one hundred dollars (\$100) wage credit for each completed calendar month of such service thereafter to a total amount of seven hundred and twenty dollars (\$720), to be credited by the Commissioner of Unemployment Compensation and Placement to the same extent as if such person had earned such credits in "employment" as that term is defined in the Washington Unemployment Compensation Act. Such credits shall be deemed to have been earned within his "base year" as that term is defined in the Washington Unemployment Compensation Act. Any other wage credits, available under the provisions of the Washington Unemployment Compensation Act in the "base year," may be combined with the wage credits established by this act at the election of the claimant. No person shall be entitled to receive benefits under the provisions of this act who is at the same time receiving benefits under the provisions of the Washington Unemployment Compensation Act. No provision of this act shall prevent the filing of a separate claim for benefits under the Washington Unemployment Compensation Act.

Wage
credits.

Maximum.

Limitation.

Separate
claim may
be filed.

Appropriation
from
general
fund.

SEC. 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the State of Washington the sum of two million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000) to the Treasurer of the State of Washington for the purpose of payment of contributions to the Washington Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. The Treasurer of the State of Washington shall, one (1) year after the cessation of the pres-

ent war hostilities, or declaration of termination of the present state of war emergency, whichever is the earlier, pay out of this appropriation, to the Washington Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, a sum to be determined as follows: two and seven-tenths per centum (2.7%) of the maximum wage credits as provided herein, for each person in such services between June 30, 1940, and the date of the cessation of the present war hostilities or declaration of termination of the present state of war emergency, whichever is the earlier: *Provided*, That if the Federal Government shall provide a separate and Federally operated or controlled system for the payment of benefits to any of the persons mentioned herein, this act shall become inoperative as of the effective date of such Federal provision and any unexpended portion of this appropriation in the hands of the Treasurer of the State of Washington shall revert to the General Fund of the State of Washington: *Provided further*, That if the Federal Government shall in any manner provide for reimbursement of the benefits paid under this act or shall credit moneys to the Washington Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund for the purpose or purposes of this act, then this act shall become inoperative as of the effective date of such provision and any unexpended portion of this appropriation in the hands of the Treasurer of the State of Washington shall revert to the General Fund of the State of Washington.

Treasurer
to disburse.

Per cent.

Proviso.

Proviso.

SEC. 5. The Adjutant General of the State of Washington shall advise the Treasurer of the State of Washington of the total number of persons as described in section 3 hereof who were in such services between June 30, 1940, and the date of the cessation of the present war hostilities or declaration of termination of the present state of war emergency, whichever is the earlier. Such information supplied by the Adjutant General of the State of Washington shall be used by the Treasurer of the State of Washington for

Adjutant
General
to advise
number
eligible.

the purpose of computing the contributions required in section 4 hereof.

Validity preserved.

SEC. 6. If any of the provisions of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this act and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Penalty for false statement.

SEC. 7. Whoever makes a false statement or representation knowing it to be false or knowingly fails to disclose a material fact, to obtain or increase any benefit or other payment under this act, either for himself or for any other person, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. This penalty shall be in addition to any penalty for any other crime involved in the same transaction, and anyone found guilty hereunder shall be denied any further benefits under this act.

Penalty additional.

Repeals.

SEC. 8. Section 6, chapter 201, Laws of 1941 (section 10758-8, Rem. Supp. 1941) is hereby repealed.

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Passed the House March 9, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1943.