

CHAPTER 36.

[ House Bill No. 337. ]

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE—MEDICAL AID CONTRACTS.

AN ACT relating to the treatment of workmen subject to the industrial insurance act through medical aid contracts; and amending section 51.40.020, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 and RCW 51.40.020.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.40.020, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 and RCW 51.40.020 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 51.40.020 amended.

Before any medical aid contract shall go into effect it shall be submitted to the supervisor of industrial insurance and may be disapproved by him when found not to provide for such care of injured workmen as is contemplated by the provisions of RCW 51.04.030 and, if a contract so submitted is with the owners of a hospital operating the same, or with a hospital association, the supervisor of industrial insurance shall have power to disapprove the same if in his judgment the ownership or management of such hospital or hospital association is not such as to produce satisfactory service. Any such contract with physician, surgeon, or owner and operator of a hospital, or with a hospital association, so disapproved shall not be valid. If approved the contract shall be in effect for any period of time specified therein, not exceeding three years from the date of approval: *Provided*, That the director, through the division of industrial insurance, may, before approving any such contract, require the giving by any physician, surgeon, hospital or hospital association, of a bond in such sum and in such form, as the director may determine, conditioned that the obligor will faithfully perform such contract. Every such contract to be valid must provide the injured workman the

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same services and a standard of service equal to that provided by the department for noncontract cases: *Provided*, That the contract shall provide for the payment of fees to licensed practitioners of the healing arts that are not members of the medical contracting group but who render services to a contract-covered employee. Such fees shall not exceed the agreed fee schedule of the medical contracting group and said fees shall be subject to the proration of payments on the same basis as the medical aid contracting group and any such practitioner participating in the agreement of any contract-covered employee shall agree to render similar services in the event of a catastrophe and to accept a proration of payments on the same basis as the medical contracting group. Every such contract to be valid must provide that the expenses incident to it shall be borne one-half by the employer and one-half by the employees, and that it shall be administered by the two interests jointly and equally.

Passed the House March 3, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

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[ House Bill No. 339. ]

APPROPRIATION—SESSION LAWS.

AN ACT relating to the publication of session laws of the state of Washington; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

Appropriation. SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund the sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for