

CHAPTER 188.

[S. B. 364.]

RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF INJURED WORKMEN.

AN ACT relating to the compensation of injured workmen in our industries, and the compensation of their dependents where such injuries result in death, providing for the collection and disbursement of funds for such purpose, and amending sections 6604-4, 6604-5, 6604-8, 6604-13, 6604-14 and 6604-17, and repealing section 6604-25, and adding sections 6604-12a, 6604-21a and 6604-24a to Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 6604-4 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 6604-4. Inasmuch as industry should bear the greater portion of the burden of the cost of its accidents, each employer shall, prior to January 15th of each year, pay into the state treasury, in accordance with the following schedule, a sum equal to a percentage of his total payroll for that year, to-wit: (the same being deemed the most accurate method of equitable distribution of burden in proportion to relative hazard):

CONSTRUCTION WORK.

Amends Rem.-Bal. §§ 6604-4, 6604-8, 6604-13, 6604-14, 6604-17, and by adding §§ 6604-12a, 6604-21a, 6604-24a.  
  
Schedule of contribution.

Construction work.

Tunnels; bridges; trestles; sub-aqueous works; ditches and canals (other than irrigation without blasting); dock excavations; fire escapes; sewers; house moving; house wrecking .....	.065
Iron, or steel frame structures or parts of structures.....	.080
Electric light or power plants or systems; telegraph or telephone systems; pile driving; steam railroads.....	.050
Steeple, towers or grain elevators, not metal framed; dry-docks without excavation; jetties; breakwaters; chimneys; marine railways; water works or systems; electric railways with rock work or blasting; blasting; erecting fireproof doors or shutters.....	.050
Steam heating plants; tanks, water towers or windmills, not metal frames.....	.040
Shaft sinking .....	.060

Concrete buildings; freight or passenger elevators; fire-proofing of buildings; galvanized iron or tin works; gas works, or systems; marble, stone or brick work; road making with blasting; roof work; safe moving; slate work; outside plumbing work; metal smokestacks or chimneys ..... .050

Excavations not otherwise specified; blast furnaces..... .040

Street or other grading; cable or electric street railways without blasting; advertising signs; ornamental metal work in buildings..... .035

Ship or boat building or wrecking with scaffolds; floating docks ..... .045

Carpenter work not otherwise specified ..... .035

Installation of steam boilers or engines; placing wire in conduits; installing dynamos; putting up belts for machinery; marble, stone or tile setting, inside work; mantle setting; metal ceiling work; mill or ship wrighting; painting of buildings or structures; installation of automatic sprinklers; ship or boat rigging; concrete laying in floors, foundations or street paving; asphalt laying; covering steam pipes or boilers; installation of machinery not otherwise specified..... .030

Drilling wells; installing electrical apparatus or fire alarm systems in buildings; house heating or ventilating systems; glass setting; building hot houses; lathing; paper hanging; plastering; inside plumbing; wooden stair building; road making..... .020

OPERATION (INCLUDING REPAIR WORK) OF

(All combinations of material take the higher rate when not otherwise provided.)

Operation and repair work.

Logging railroads; railroads; dredges; interurban electric railroads using third rail system; dry or floating docks.. .050

Electric light or power plants; interurban electric railroads not using third rail system; quarries..... .040

Street railways, all employes; telegraph or telephone systems; stone crushing; blasting furnaces; smelters; coal mines; gas works; steamboats; tugs; ferries..... .030

Mines, other than coal; steam heating or power plants..... .025

Grain elevators; laundries; water works; paper or pulp mills; garbage works ..... .020

FACTORIES USING POWER DRIVEN MACHINERY

Stamping tin or metal..... .045 Factories.

Bridge work; railroad car or locomotive making or repairing; cooperage; logging with or without machinery; saw mills; shingle mills; staves; veneer; box; lath; packing cases; sash, door or blinds; barrel, keg, pail; basket; tub; wooden ware or wooden fibre ware; rolling mills;

making steam shovels or dredges; tanks; water towers; asphalt; building material not otherwise specified; fertilizer; cement; stone with or without machinery; kindling wood; masts and spars with or without machinery; canneries, metal stamping extra; creosoting works; pile treating works..... .025

Excelsior, iron, steel, copper, zinc, brass or lead articles or wares not otherwise specified; working in wood not otherwise specified; hardware; tile; brick; terra cotta; fire clay; pottery; earthen ware; porcelain ware; peat fuel; brickettes ..... .020

Breweries; bottling works; boiler works; foundries; machine shops not otherwise specified..... .020

Cordage; working in foodstuffs, including oils, fruits and vegetables; working in wool, cloth, leather, paper, broom, brush, rubber or textiles not otherwise specified .015

Making jewelry, soap, tallow, lard, grease, condensed milk. .015

Creameries; printing; electrotyping, photo-engraving; engraving; lithographing ..... .015

MISCELLANEOUS WORK.

Miscellaneous. Stevedoring; longshoring ..... .030

Operating stock yards, with or without railroad entry; packing houses ..... .025

Wharf operation; artificial ice, refrigerating or cold storage plants; tanneries; electric systems not otherwise specified ..... .020

Theater stage employee..... .015

Fire works manufacturing..... .050

Powder works ..... .100

The application of this act as between employers and workmen shall date from and include the first day of October, 1911. The payment for 1911 shall be made prior to the day last named, and shall be preliminarily collected upon the payroll of the last preceding three months of operation. At the end of each year an adjustment of accounts shall be made upon the basis of the actual payroll. Any shortage shall be made good on or before February 1st, following. Every employer who shall enter into business at any intermediate day, or who shall resume operations in any work or plant after the final adjustment of his payroll in connection therewith, shall, before so commencing or resuming operations, as the case may be, notify the commission of such fact, accompanying such notification with an estimate of his payroll for the initial year or por-

Employer commencing or resuming operations.

Premium on estimated payroll.

tion thereof, and shall make payment of the premium on such estimated payroll for the first three months of operations. An adjustment upon such payroll shall be made as in other cases. Every employer who shall fail to furnish an estimated payroll and make payment as above provided, shall be liable to a penalty in three times the amount of the premium on such payroll, to be collected in a civil action in the name of the state, and paid into the accident fund. The commission may waive the whole or any part of such penalty.

Penalty  
for failure  
to pay.

For the purpose of such payments accounts shall be kept with each industry in accordance with the classification herein provided and no class shall be liable for the depletion of the accident fund from accidents happening in any other class. Each class shall meet and be liable for the accidents occurring in such class. There shall be collected from each class as an initial payment into the accident fund as above specified on or before the 1st day of October, 1911, one-fourth of the premium of the next succeeding year, and one-twelfth thereof at the close of each month after December, 1911: *Provided*, Any class having sufficient funds credited to its account at the end of the first three months or any month thereafter, to meet the requirements of the accident fund, that class shall not be called upon for such month. In case of accidents occurring in such class after lapsed payment or payments said class shall pay the said lapsed or deferred payments commencing at the first lapsed payment, as may be necessary to meet such requirements of the accident fund. The fund thereby created shall be termed the "accident fund" which shall be devoted exclusively to the purpose specified for it in this act.

Accident  
fund.

In that the intent is that the fund created under this section shall ultimately become neither more nor less than self-supporting, exclusive of the expense of administration, the rates named in this section are subject to future adjustment by the industrial insurance department, in accordance with any relative increase or decrease in hazard

Adjustment  
of classes  
and funds.

shown by experience, and if in the judgment of the industrial insurance department the moneys paid into the fund of any class or classes shall be insufficient to properly and safely distribute the burden of accidents occurring therein, the department may divide, rearrange or consolidate such class or classes, making such adjustment or transfer of funds as it may deem proper.

Deduction of premiums from wages.

It shall be unlawful for the employer to deduct or obtain any part of the premium required by this section to be by him paid from the wages or earnings of his workmen or any of them, and the making or attempt to make any such deduction shall be a gross misdemeanor. If, after this act shall have come into operation, it is shown by experience under the act, because of poor or careless management, any establishment or work is unduly dangerous in comparison with other like establishments or works, the department may advance its classification of risks and premium rates in proportion to the undue hazard. In accordance with the same principle, any such increase in classification or premium rate, shall be subject to restoration to the schedule rate. Any such change in classification of risks or premium rates, or any change caused by change in the class of work, occurring during the year shall, at the time of the annual adjustment be adjusted by the department in proportion to its duration in accordance with the schedule of this section. If, at the end of any year, it shall be seen that the contribution to the accident fund by any class of industry shall be less than the drain upon the fund on account of that class, the deficiency shall be made good to the fund on the 1st day of February of the following year by the employers of that class in proportion to their respective payments for the past year.

Deficiencies made good.

Classification of industries.

For the purpose of such payment and making good of deficit the particular classes of industry shall be as follows:

**CONSTRUCTION WORK.**

Construction work.

- Class 1. Tunnels; sewer; shaft sinking; drilling wells.
- Class 2. Bridges; mill wrighting; trestles; steeples,

towers or grain elevators not metal framed; tanks; water towers, windmills not metal framed.

Class 3. Sub-aqueous works; canal other than irrigation or docks with or without blasting; pile driving; jetties; breakwaters; marine railways.

Class 4. House moving; house wrecking; safe moving.

Class 5. Iron or steel frame structures or parts of structures; fire escapes; erecting fireproof doors or shutters; blast furnaces; concrete chimneys; freight or passenger elevators; fireproofing of buildings; galvanized iron or tin work; marble, stone or brick work; roof work; slate work; plumbing work; metal smokestack or chimneys; advertising signs; ornamental metal work in buildings; carpenter work not otherwise specified; marble, stone or tile [tile] setting; mantle setting; metal ceiling work; painting of buildings or structures; concrete laying in floors or foundations; glass setting; building hot houses; lathing; paper hanging; plastering; wooden stair building.

Class 6. Electric light and power plants or systems, telegraph or telephone systems; cable or electric railways with or without rock work or blasting; water works or systems; steam heating plants; gas works or systems; installation of steam boilers or engines; placing wires in conduits; installing dynamos; putting up belts for machinery; installation of automatic sprinklers; covering steam pipes or boilers; installation of machinery not otherwise specified; installing electrical apparatus or fire alarm systems in buildings; house heating or ventilating systems.

Class 7. Steam railroads; logging railroads.

Class 8. Road making; street or other grading; concrete laying in street paving; asphalt laying.

Class 9. Ship or boat building with scaffolds; shipwrighting; ship or boat rigging; floating docks.

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Class 10. Logging; saw mills; shingle mills; lath Operation. mills; masts and spars with or without machinery.

Class 12. Dredges; dry or floating docks.

Class 13. Electric light or power plants or systems; steam heat or power plants or systems; electric systems not otherwise specified.

Class 14. Street railways.

Class 15. Telegraph systems; telephone systems.

Class 16. Coal mines.

Class 17. Quarries; stone crushing; mines other than coal.

Class 18. Blast furnaces; smelters; rolling mills.

Class 19. Gas works.

Class 20. Steamboats; tugs; ferries.

Class 21. Grain elevators.

Class 22. Laundries.

Class 23. Water works.

Class 24. Paper or pulp mills.

Class 25. Garbage works; fertilizer.

Factories.

FACTORIES (USING POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY).

Class 26. Stamping tin or metal.

Class 27. Bridge work; making steam shovels or dredges; tanks; water towers.

Class 28. Railroad car or locomotive making or repairing.

Class 29. Cooperage; staves; veneer; box; packing cases; sash, door or blinds; barrel; keg; pail; basket; tub; wood ware or wood fibre ware; kindling wood; excelsior; working in wood not otherwise specified.

Class 30. Asphalt.

Class 31. Cement; stone with or without machinery; building material not otherwise specified.

Class 32. Canneries of fruits or vegetables.

Class 33. Canneries of fish or meat products.

Class 34. Iron, steel, copper, zinc, brass or lead articles or wares; hardware; boiler works; foundries; machine shops not otherwise specified.

Class 35. Tile; brick; terra cotta; fire clay; pottery; earthenware; porcelain ware.

Class 36. Peat fuel; brickettes.

Class 37. Breweries; bottling works.

Class 38. Cordage; working in wool, cloth, leather, paper, brush, rubber or textile not otherwise specified.

Class 39. Working in foodstuffs, including oils, fruits, vegetables.

Class 40. Condensed milk; creameries.

Class 41. Printing; electrotyping; photo-engraving; engraving; lithographing; making jewelry.

Class 42. Stevedoring; longshoring; wharf operation.

Class 43. Stock yards; packing houses; making soap; tallow, lard, grease; tanneries.

Class 44. Artificial ice, refrigerating or cold storage plants.

Class 45. Theater stage employes.

Class 46. Fireworks manufacturing; powder works.

Class 47. Creosoting works; pile treating works.

If a single establishment or work comprises several occupations listed in this section in different risk classes, the premium shall be computed according to the payroll of each occupation if clearly separable; otherwise an average rate of premium shall be charged for the entire establishment, taking into consideration the number of employes and the relative hazards. In computing the payroll the entire compensation received by every workman employed in extra hazardous employment shall be included, whether it be in the form of salary, wage, piece work, overtime, or any allowance in the way of profit-sharing, premium or otherwise, and whether payable in money, board, or otherwise.

Different risk classes comprised in one establishment.

SEC. 2. That section 6604-5 of Remington & Balinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Vetoed.  
E. L.

Section 6604-5. That beginning on the eleventh day after the injury each workman who shall be injured whether upon the premises or at the plant or, he being in the course of his employment, away from the plant of his employer, or his family or dependents in case of death of the workman, shall receive out of the accident fund compensation in accordance with the following schedule, and,



except as in this act otherwise provided, such payment shall be in lieu of any and all rights of action whatsoever against any person whomsoever.

(a) Where death results from the injury the expenses of burial shall be paid in all cases, not to exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75) in any case, and

(1) If the workman leaves a widow or invalid widower, a monthly payment of twenty dollars (\$20) shall be made throughout the life of the surviving spouse, to cease at the end of the month in which remarriage shall occur; and the surviving spouse shall also receive five dollars (\$5) per month for each child of the deceased under the age of sixteen years at [the] time of the occurrence of the injury until such minor child shall reach the age of sixteen years, and for each invalid child until such invalid child shall recover, but the total monthly payment under this paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) shall not exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35). Upon remarriage of a widow she shall receive, once and for all, a lump sum equal to twelve times her monthly allowance, viz.: The sum of two hundred forty dollars (\$240), but the monthly payment for the child or children shall continue as before.

(2) If the workman leaves no wife or husband, but a child or children under the age of sixteen years, a monthly payment of ten dollars (\$10) shall be made to each such child until such child shall reach the age of sixteen years, but the total monthly payment shall not exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35), and any deficit shall be deducted proportionately among the beneficiaries.

(3) If the workman leaves no widow, widower, or child under the age of sixteen years, but leaves a dependent or dependents, a monthly payment shall be made to each dependent equal to fifty per cent of the average monthly support actually received by such dependent from the workman during the twelve months next preceding the occurrence of the injury, but the total payment to all dependents in any case shall not exceed twenty dollars (\$20) per month. If any dependent is under the age of sixteen

years at the time of the occurrence of the injury, the payment to such dependent shall cease when such dependent shall reach the age of sixteen years. The payment to any dependent shall cease if and when, under the same circumstances, the necessity creating the dependency would have ceased if the injury had not happened.

If the workman is under the age of twenty-one years and unmarried at the time of his death, the parents or parent of the workman shall receive twenty dollars (\$20) per month for each month after his death until the time at which he would have arrived at the age of twenty-one years.

(4) In the event a surviving spouse receiving monthly payments shall die, leaving a child or children under the age of sixteen years, the sum he or she shall be receiving on account of such child or children shall be thereafter, until such child shall arrive at the age of sixteen years, paid to the child increased one hundred per cent, but the total to all children shall not exceed the sum of thirty-five dollars (\$35) per month.

(b) Permanent total disability means the loss of both legs or both arms, or one leg and one arm, total loss of eyesight, paralysis or other condition permanently incapacitating the workman from performing any work at any gainful occupation.

When permanent total disability results from the injury the workman shall receive monthly during the period of such disability:

(1) If unmarried at the time of the injury, the sum of twenty dollars (\$20).

(2) If the workman have a wife or invalid husband, but no child under the age of sixteen years, the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25). If the husband is not an invalid, the monthly payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be reduced to fifteen dollars (\$15).

(3) If the workman have a wife or husband and a child or children under the age of sixteen years, or, being a widow or widower, have any such child or children, the

monthly payment provided in the preceding paragraph shall be increased by five dollars (\$5) for each such child until such child shall arrive at the age of sixteen years, but the total monthly payment shall not exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35).

(4) If the nature of the injuries sustained by any workman is such as to cause permanent total disability, and to render such workman helpless and require the constant services of an attendant, the monthly payment for such workman shall be increased twenty dollars (\$20) a month.

(c) If the injured workman die during the period of permanent total disability, whatever the cause of death, leaving a widow, invalid widower or child under the age of sixteen years, the surviving widow or invalid widower shall receive twenty dollars (\$20) per month until death or remarriage, to be increased five dollars (\$5) per month for each child under the age of sixteen years until such child shall arrive at the age of sixteen years; but if such child is or shall be without father or mother, such child shall receive ten dollars (\$10) per month until arriving at the age of sixteen years. The total combined monthly payment under this paragraph shall in no case exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35). Upon remarriage the payments on account of a child or children shall continue as before to the child or children.

(d) When the total disability is only temporary, the schedule of payment contained in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of the foregoing subdivision (b) shall apply so long as the total disability shall continue, increased fifty per cent for the first six months of such continuance, but in no case shall the increase operate to make the monthly payment exceed sixty per cent of the monthly wage (the daily wage multiplied by twenty-six) the workman was receiving at the time of his injury. As soon as recovery is so complete that the present earning power of the workman, at any kind of work, is restored to that existing at the time of the occurrence of the injury the payments shall cease. If and so long as the present earning power is only

partially restored the payments shall continue in the proportion which the new earning power shall bear to the old. No compensation shall be payable out of the accident fund unless the loss of earning power shall exceed five per cent.

(e) For every case of injury resulting in death or permanent total disability it shall be the duty of the department to forthwith notify the state treasurer, and he shall set apart out of the accident fund a sum of money for the case, to be known as the estimated lump value of the monthly payments provided for it, to be calculated upon the theory that a monthly payment of twenty dollars (\$20), to a person thirty years of age, is equal to a lump sum payment, according to the expectancy of life as fixed by the American Mortality Table, of four thousand dollars (\$4,000), but the total in no case to exceed the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000). The state treasurer shall invest said sum at interest in the class of securities provided by law for the investment of the permanent school fund, and out of the same and its earnings shall be paid the monthly installments and any lump sum payment then or thereafter arranged for the case. Any deficiency shall be made good out of, and any balance or overplus shall revert to the accident fund. The state treasurer shall keep accurate account of all such investments of the accident fund, and may borrow from the main fund to meet monthly payments pending conversion into cash of any security, and in such case shall repay such temporary loan out of the cash realized from the security.

(f) Permanent partial disability means the loss of either one foot, one leg, one hand, one arm, one eye, one or more fingers, one or more toes, any dislocation where ligaments are severed, or any other injury known in surgery to be permanent partial disability. For any permanent partial disability resulting from an injury, the workman shall receive compensation in a lump sum in an amount equal to the extent of the injury, to be decided in the first instance by the department, but not in any case to exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500). The loss of

one major arm at or above the elbow shall be deemed the maximum permanent partial disability. Compensation for any other permanent partial disability shall be in the proportion which the extent of such disability shall bear to the said maximum. If the injured workman be under the age of twenty-one years and unmarried, the parents or parent shall also receive a lump sum payment equal to ten per cent of the amount awarded the minor workman.

(g) Should a further accident occur to a workman already receiving a monthly payment under this section for a temporary disability or who has been previously the recipient of a lump sum payment under this act, his future compensation shall be adjusted according to the other provisions of this section and with regard to the combined effect of his injuries, and his past receipt of money under this act.

(h) If aggravation, diminution, or termination of disability takes place or be discovered after the rate of compensation shall have been established or compensation terminated in any case the department may, upon the application of the beneficiary or upon its own motion, readjust for future application the rate of compensation in accordance with the rules in this section provided for the same, or in a proper case terminate the payments.

(i) A husband or wife of an injured workman, living in a state of abandonment for more than one year at the time of the injury or subsequently, shall not be a beneficiary under this act.

(j) If a beneficiary shall reside or remove out of the state the department may, in its discretion, convert any monthly payments provided for such case into a lump sum payment (not in any case to exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000) upon the theory, according to the expectancy of life as fixed by the American Mortality Table, that a monthly payment of twenty dollars (\$20) to a person thirty years of age is worth four thousand dollars (\$4,000), or, with the consent of the beneficiary, for a smaller sum. If a beneficiary shall remove permanently from the

United States, any such lump sum settlement shall not exceed one-half of the reserve for the particular case at the time of such removal.

(k) Any court review under this section shall be initiated in the county where the workman resides or resided at the time of the injury, or in which the injury occurred.

SEC. 3. That section 6604-8 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 6604-8. If any employer shall default in any payment to the accident fund hereinbefore in this act required, the sum due shall be collected by action at law in the name of the state as plaintiff, and such right of action shall be in addition to any other right of action or remedy. In respect to any injury happening to any of his workmen during the period of any default in the payment of any premium under section 6604-4 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, the defaulting employer shall not, if such default be after demand for payment, be entitled to the benefits of this act, but shall be liable to suit by the injured workman (or the husband, wife, child or dependent of such workman in case death result from the accident), as he would have been prior to the passage of this act. In any suit brought by an employee it shall not be necessary to plead or prove that a demand for payment of any premium has been made by the commission.

Default in payments.

All delinquent payments due the accident fund as herein required shall bear interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum from the date of delinquency, and in all cases of insolvency, assignment for the benefit of creditors of bankruptcy, the claim of the state for premiums due herein shall be a claim prior to all other claims except taxes. All actions for the recovery of such premiums shall be brought in the superior court, and in any recovery by action instituted for the collection of such payments, a reasonable attorney's fee shall be allowed as costs of suit.

Interest on delinquent premiums.

Action for premiums.

In any action or proceeding brought for the recovery of premiums due upon the payroll of any employer, the certi-

Evidence.

ificate of the industrial insurance department that an audit has been made of the payroll of such employer pursuant to the direction of the department, and of the amount of such payroll for the period stated in the certificate, shall be *prima facie* evidence of such fact.

Recovery  
in action  
by injured  
workman.

In case the recovery actually collected in such suit shall equal or exceed the compensation to which the plaintiff therein would be entitled under this act, the plaintiff shall not be paid anything out of the accident fund; if the said amount shall be less than such compensation under this act, the accident fund shall contribute the amount of the deficiency. The person so entitled under the provisions of this section to sue shall have the choice (to be exercised before suit) of proceeding by suit or taking under this act. If such person shall take under this act, the cause of action against the employer shall be assigned to the state for the benefit of the accident fund. In any suit brought upon such cause of action the defense of fellow servant and assumption of risk shall be inadmissible, and the doctrine of comparative negligence shall obtain. Any such cause of action assigned to the state may be prosecuted or compromised by the department in its discretion. Any compromise by the workman of any such suit, which would leave a deficiency to be made good out of the accident fund, may be made only with the written approval of the department.

Compromise  
of suit.

SEC. 4. That there be added to Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington a new section to be known as 6604-12a as follows:

Testimony of  
physicians.

Section 6604-12a. In all hearings, actions or proceedings before the commission, or before any court on appeal from the commission, any physician having theretofore examined or treated the claimant may be required to testify fully regarding such examination or treatment, and shall not be exempt from so testifying by reason of the relation of physician to patient.

SEC. 5. That section 6604-13 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 6604-13. Any workman entitled to receive compensation under this act is required, if requested by the department, to submit himself for medical examination at a time and from time to time at a place reasonably convenient for the workman and as may be provided by the rules of the department. If the workman refuses to submit to any such examination, or obstructs the same, his rights to monthly payments shall be suspended until such examination has taken place, and no compensation shall be payable during or for account of such period; or, if any injured workman shall persist in unsanitary or injurious practices, which tend to imperil or retard his recovery, or shall refuse to submit to such medical or surgical treatment as is reasonably essential to his recovery, the commission may reduce or suspend the compensation of such workman.

Medical examination and treatment.

Effect of refusal to submit to.

SEC. 6. That section 6604-17 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 6604-17. Whenever the state, county, any municipal corporation or other taxing district shall engage in any extra hazardous work in which workmen are employed for wages, this act shall be applicable thereto. The employer's payments into the accident fund shall be made from the treasury of the state, county, municipality or other taxing district. If said work is being done by contract, the payroll of the contractor and the sub-contractor shall be the basis of computation, and in the case of contract work consuming less than one year in performance the required payment into the accident fund shall be based upon the total payroll. The contractor and any sub-contractor shall be subject to the provisions of the act, and the state for its general fund, the county, municipal corporation or other taxing district shall be entitled to collect from the contractor the full amount payable to the accident fund, and the contractor, in turn shall be entitled to collect from the sub-contractor his proportionate amount of the payment. The provisions of this section shall apply to all extra hazardous work done by contract, except that in pri-

Public and contract work.



Owner of property surety for contractor in private work.

vate work the contractor shall be responsible, primarily and directly, to the accident fund for the proper percentage of the total payroll of the work and the owner of the property affected by the contract shall be surety for such payments. Whenever and so long as, by state law, city charter or municipal ordinance, provision is made for municipal employes injured in the course of employment, such employes shall not be entitled to the benefits of this act and shall not be included in the payroll of the municipality under this act.

Exclusion of municipal employes, when.

SEC. 7. That there be added to Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington a new section to be known as 6604-21a, as follows:

Section 6604-21a. The superior court shall have power to enforce by proper proceedings the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production and examination of books, papers and records before the industrial insurance department.

Attendance of witnesses and production of papers.

SEC. 8. That there be added to Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington a new section to be known as 6604-24a, as follows:

Section 6604-24a. Every person, firm or corporation who shall violate or fail to obey, observe or comply with any rule of the department promulgated under authority of this act, shall be subject to a penalty of not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250). Such penalty may be recovered in a civil action in the name of the state, and shall be paid into the accident fund.

Violation of rules.

Penalty.

SEC. 9. That section 6604-14 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 6604-14. Whenever any accident occurs to any workman it shall be the duty of such workman or some one in his behalf to forthwith report such accident to his employer, superintendent or foreman in charge of the work, and of the employer to at once report such accident and the injury resulting therefrom to the department and also to any local representative of the department.

Accidents to be reported.

SEC. 10. Section 6604-25 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington is hereby repealed. Repeals  
Rem.-Bal.  
§ 6604-25.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1915.

Passed the House March 10, 1915.

Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 approved by the Governor March 22, 1915.

Section 2 vetoed by the Governor March 22, 1915.

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## CHAPTER 189.

[S. B. 387.]

### VOTING BY ELECTORS ABSENT FROM HOME PRECINCTS.

AN ACT authorizing qualified electors absent from their resident precincts to vote at general elections, and providing the method and manner of casting and recording such vote.

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

SECTION 1. Any elector of the state unavoidably absent from his home county and more than twenty-five miles distant from the precinct in which he is qualified to vote, may vote in any polling place at which he may present himself during polling hours, at general elections to be held, for Federal, United States Senatorial and Congressional, state, or legislative officers, or propositions, in the manner as in this act provided.

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SEC. 2. Any elector who shall present himself at any polling place within the state during the hours of voting thereat, presenting to the election officers of said polling place a certificate from the registration officer of the home precinct of said elector certifying that said registration officer is personally acquainted with said elector; that said elector is duly registered and qualified to vote in said home precinct, stating the place of residence of said elector; that said elector has in the presence of said registration officer affixed his signature to said certificate at a place to be designated for "Signature of Absent Voters,"

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