

CHAPTER 196.

[ H. B. 617. ]

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE—PENSION INCREASE.

AN ACT relating to the compensation and remedies of workmen injured in extra-hazardous employments and their dependents, and amending section 1, chapter 233, Laws of 1947 and RCW 51.32.070; and declaring an emergency with the effective date April 1, 1957.

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

RCW 51.32.070 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 1, page 233, Laws of 1947 and RCW 51.32.070 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Additional payments for prior pensioners.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, every widow or invalid widower receiving a pension under this title shall, after April 1, 1957, be paid one hundred dollars per month, and every permanently totally disabled workman receiving a pension under this title shall, after such date, be paid one hundred dollars per month, in addition to any amount now or hereafter allowed in cases requiring the services of an attendant, if unmarried at the time his injury occurred; one hundred twenty-five dollars per month, in addition to any amount now or hereafter allowed in cases requiring the services of an attendant, if he or she has a wife or invalid husband; and seventy-five dollars per month, in addition to any amount now or hereafter allowed in cases requiring the services of an attendant, if the husband is not an invalid and the husband and wife are living together as such.

No part of such additional payments shall be payable from the accident fund or be charged against any class under the industrial insurance law.

The director of labor and industries shall pay monthly to every such widow, invalid widower, and totally disabled workman from the funds appropriated by the legislature such an amount as will, when

added to the pensions they are presently receiving, exclusive of amounts received for children or dependents or attendants, equal the amounts hereinabove specified.

In cases where money has been or shall be advanced to any such person from the pension reserve, the additional amount to be paid to him or her under this section shall be reduced by the amount of monthly pension which was or is predicated upon such advanced portion of the pension reserve.

The legislature shall make biennial appropriations to carry out the purposes of this section.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall take effect April 1, 1957: *Provided*, That in order to facilitate accounting, the director of labor and industries, with the consent of the state auditor, may make such additional payments provided by this act from the reserve fund, and the state auditor shall monthly reimburse the reserve fund in an amount equal to the sum of such additional payments made in the preceding month, either by cash transfer or from any appropriation made available for that purpose.

Effective  
date.

Proviso.

Passed the House March 9, 1957.

Passed the Senate March 12, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 1957.