

CHAPTER 16.

[H. B. 16.]

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AND MEDICAL AID.

AN ACT relating to workmen's compensation and medical aid; providing for method of assessing charges where previously injured workmen become totally and permanently disabled, and amending chapter 74 of the Laws of 1911 as amended, by adding a new section to be known as section 4 A.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 74 of the Laws of 1911 as amended, is amended by adding a new section to be known as section 4 A to read as follows:

Amendment
by adding
new section.

Section 4 A. Whenever a workman has sustained a previous bodily infirmity or disability from a previous injury or disease, and shall receive a further injury or disease, and become totally and permanently disabled from the combined effects thereof, then the accident cost rate of the employer at the time of said further accident shall only be charged with the accident costs which would have resulted solely from said further accident had there been no pre-existing disability and which accident cost shall be based upon the experience of the department in similar injuries. The difference between the charge thus assessed to the employer at the time of said further accident and the total cost of the pension reserve shall be charged to the class in which the last injury occurred.

Disability
costs; how
divided.

Passed the House January 27, 1943.

Passed the Senate February 17, 1943.

Approved by the Governor February 23, 1943.