

CHAPTER 256.

[S. B. 517.]

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE—STATE MEDICAL AID.

AN ACT relating to labor and industries; and amending section 5, chapter 28, Laws of 1917 as last amended by section 2, chapter 186, Laws of 1943 and section 6, chapter 236, Laws of 1951, and RCW 51.36.010, 51.36.020, 51.36.030 and 51.40.070.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 28, Laws of 1917 as last amended by section 2, chapter 186, Laws of 1943 and section 6, chapter 236, Laws of 1951 (heretofore divided and codified as RCW 51.36.010, 51.36.020, 51.36.030 and 51.40.070) is divided and amended as set forth in sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this act.

RCW 51.36.010
enacted
without
amendment.

SEC. 2. (RCW 51.36.010) Upon the occurrence of any injury to a workman entitled to compensation under the provisions of this title, he shall receive, in addition to such compensation and out of the medical aid fund, proper and necessary medical and surgical services at the hands of a physician of his own choice, if conveniently located, and proper and necessary hospital care and services during the period of his disability from such injury, but the same shall be limited in point of duration as follows:

In the case of permanent partial disability, not to extend beyond the date when compensation shall be awarded him, except when the workman returned to work before permanent partial disability award is made, in such case not to extend beyond the time when monthly allowances to him out of the accident fund shall cease; in case of temporary disability not to extend beyond the time when monthly allowances to him out of the accident fund shall cease; in case of a permanent total disability not to extend beyond the date on which a lump sum settlement is made

with him or he is placed upon the permanent pension roll. But after any injured workman has returned to his work his medical and surgical treatment may be continued at the expense of the medical aid fund if, and as long as, such continuation is deemed by the supervisor of industrial insurance to be necessary to his more complete recovery. In order to authorize such continued treatment the written order of the supervisor of industrial insurance issued in advance of the continuation shall be necessary.

SEC. 3. (RCW 51.36.020) When the injury to any workman is so serious as to require his being taken from the place of injury to a place of treatment, his employer shall, at his own expense and without charge against the medical aid fund, furnish transportation to the nearest place of proper treatment. To assure prompt and adequate hospital care in cases of serious injury the department shall furnish to employers suitable index cards which the employer shall be required to have filled in and shall keep at all times convenient and accessible on which shall be set forth the name and address of each workman, together with such information as, in the judgment of the department, is necessary in cases of serious injury where the workman may be rendered unconscious and at the point of death, said card to be filled in at time of employment of workman and to have space for the following information: Hospital preferred, doctor preferred, religious, fraternal or union affiliations, and name of nearest relative: *Provided*, That the employee may at his option decline to give any or all of the information hereinbefore provided for.

Every workman whose injury results in the loss of one or more limbs or eyes shall be provided with proper artificial substitutes to be purchased by the department at the expense of the accident fund. Every workman, who suffers a penetrating wound

RCW 51.36.020
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of the cornea producing an error of refraction, shall be once provided, at the expense of the accident fund, proper and properly equipped lenses to correct such error of refraction and his disability rating shall be based upon the loss of sight before correction. Every workman, whose accident results in damage to or destruction of an artificial limb, eye or tooth, shall have same repaired or replaced at the expense of the accident fund. Every workman whose eyeglasses or lenses are damaged, destroyed, or lost as a result of an industrial accident shall have the same restored or replaced at the expense of the accident fund. The accident fund shall be liable only for the cost of restoring damaged eyeglasses to their condition at the time of the accident. All mechanical appliances necessary in the treatment of an injured workman, such as braces, belts, casts and crutches, may be provided at the expense of the medical aid fund and all mechanical appliances required as permanent equipment after treatment has been completed shall be provided at the expense of the accident fund. A workman, whose injury is of such short duration as to bring him within the provisions of subsection (4) of RCW 51.32.090 shall nevertheless receive during the omitted period medical, surgical and hospital care and service and transportation under the provisions of this chapter.

RCW 51.36.030
enacted
without
amendment.

SEC. 4. (RCW 51.36.030) Every employer, who employs less than fifty workmen, shall keep at his plant a first aid kit equipped as required by the department with materials for first aid to his injured workmen. Every employer who employs within a radius of one-half mile of any plant or establishment fifty or more workmen, shall keep one first aid station equipped as required by the department with materials for first aid to his injured workmen, and shall cooperate with the department in training one or more employees in first aid to the

injured. The maintenance of such first aid kits and stations shall be deemed to be a part of any educational standards established under Title 49.

SEC. 5. (RCW 51.40.070) The director shall have power to enact rules prescribing whether and under what conditions an injured workman, who has been receiving treatment under medical aid contract at a place other than his place of permanent abode and who shall be or have become ambulatory or who, being discharged, shall require further treatment, may be transferred to the care of a surgeon at his place of residence, and providing for the compensation of such surgeon at the expense of the doctor, hospital or hospital association holding such contract.

RCW 51.40.070
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amendment.

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Approved by the Governor March 23, 1959.

CHAPTER 257.

[S. B. 264.]

PUBLIC LANDS.

AN ACT relating to public lands; defining valuable material; providing for the uniform administration, sale, and lease of state land included in sustained yield forests, capitol building lands, and other state grant lands; conforming the statutory provisions applicable thereto to reflect the transfer or authority to the board of natural resources as contained in chapter 38, Laws of 1957; increasing periods of leases from five to ten years; authorizing their leasing for public school purposes; providing for the conduct of sales and notice thereof; regulating the acquisition of public lands for easements for utilities; prohibiting cattle, horses, sheep, or goats from entering on state lands of area exceeding forty acres; adding one new section to chapter 79.01 RCW; amending section 27, chapter 255, Laws of 1927 and RCW 79.01.084; amending section 22, chapter 255, Laws of 1927 and RCW 79.01.088; amending section 2, chapter 217, Laws of 1941 and RCW 79.01.092;