

CHAPTER 20  
[Engrossed House Bill No. 71]  
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION--  
STATE VOLUNTEER WORKERS,  
MEDICAL AID

AN ACT Relating to workmen's compensation; extending medical aid coverage to state volunteer workers; amending section 51.16.140, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 and RCW 51.16.140; and adding a new section to chapter 23, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 51.12 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 23, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 51.12 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Volunteers shall be deemed employees and/or workmen, as the case may be, for all purposes relating to medical aid benefits under Title 51 RCW.

A "volunteer" shall mean a person who performs any assigned or authorized duties for the state, except civil defense workers as described by RCW 38.52, brought about by one's own free choice, receives no salary, and is registered as a volunteer with a state agency or organization for the purpose of engaging in authorized volunteer service: PROVIDED, That said person may be granted maintenance and reimbursement for actual expenses necessarily incurred in performing his assigned or authorized duties.

Sec. 2. Section 51.16.140, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 and RCW 51.16.140 are each amended to read as follows:

The employer shall deduct from the pay of each of his workmen engaged in extrahazardous work one-half of the amount the employer is required to pay into the medical aid fund for or on account of the employment of such workman ((7 but)); PROVIDED, That the employer or governmental unit shall pay the entire amount into the medical aid fund for volunteers, as defined in section 1 of this 1971 amendatory act. It shall be unlawful for the employer to deduct or obtain any part of the premium required to be by him paid into the accident fund from the wages or earnings of any of his workmen, and the making of or attempt to make any such deduction shall be a gross misdemeanor.

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