

CHAPTER 65

[Senate Bill No. 4345]

CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION—TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY

AN ACT Relating to unemployment compensation; amending section 7, chapter 228, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 50.06.010; amending section 8, chapter 228, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 50.06.020; amending section 9, chapter 228, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 50.06.030; and amending section 12, chapter 228, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 50.06.900.

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

Sec. 1. Section 7, chapter 228, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 50.06.010 are each amended to read as follows:

This chapter is enacted for the purpose of providing the protection of the unemployment compensation system to ((workers)) persons who have suffered a temporary total disability compensable under industrial insurance or crime victims compensation laws and is a recognition by this legislature of the economic hardship confronting those ((workers)) persons who have not been promptly reemployed after a prolonged period of temporary total disability.

Sec. 2. Section 8, chapter 228, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 50.06.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Only individuals who have suffered a temporary total disability and have received compensation under the industrial insurance or crime victims compensation laws of this state, any other state or the United States for a period of not less than thirteen consecutive calendar weeks by reason of such temporary total disability shall be allowed the benefits of this chapter.

Sec. 3. Section 9, chapter 228, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 50.06.030 are each amended to read as follows:

An application for initial determination made pursuant to this chapter, to be considered timely, must be filed in writing with the employment security department within twenty-six weeks following the week in which the period of temporary total disability commenced. Notice from the department of labor and industries shall satisfy this requirement. The records of the agency supervising the award of compensation shall be conclusive evidence of the fact of temporary disability and the beginning date of such disability. The employment security department shall process and issue an initial determination of entitlement or nonentitlement as the case may be.

For the purpose of this chapter, a special base year is established for an individual consisting of the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters immediately prior to the first day of the calendar week in which the individual's temporary total disability commenced, and a special individual benefit year is established consisting of the entire period of disability and a fifty-two consecutive week period commencing with the first day of

the calendar week immediately following the week or part thereof with respect to which the individual received his final temporary total disability compensation under the applicable industrial insurance or crime victims compensation laws except that no special benefit year shall have a duration in excess of three hundred twelve calendar weeks: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That such special benefit year will not be established unless the criteria contained in RCW 50.04.030 has been met, except that an individual meeting the disability and filing requirements of this chapter and who has an unexpired benefit year established which would overlap the special benefit year provided by this chapter, notwithstanding the provisions in RCW 50.04.030 relating to the establishment of a subsequent benefit year and RCW 50.40.010 relating to waiver of rights, may elect to establish a special benefit year under this chapter: PROVIDED FURTHER, that the unexpired benefit year shall be terminated with the beginning of the special benefit year if the individual elects to establish such special benefit year.

Sec. 4. Section 12, chapter 228, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 50.06.900 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) This chapter shall be available (~~(only)~~) to individuals who suffer a temporary total disability, compensable by an industrial insurance program, after the effective date of this chapter.

(2) This chapter shall also be available to individuals who suffer a temporary total disability compensable under crime victims compensation laws, after the effective date of this 1984 act.

Passed the Senate January 31, 1984.

Passed the House February 22, 1984.

Approved by the Governor March 1, 1984.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State March 1, 1984.

CHAPTER 66

[Senate Bill No. 4351]

HIGH-TECHNOLOGY COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP INCREASED

AN ACT Relating to the high-technology coordinating board; and amending section 5, chapter 72, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28B.65.040.

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

Sec. 1. Section 5, chapter 72, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28B.65.040 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The Washington high-technology coordinating board is hereby created.

(2) The board shall be composed of (~~(fourteen)~~) seventeen members as follows: