

and pay over the same to the treasurer of state at the time and in the manner as now provided for by law for the auditor of state.

SEC. 7. **Acts in conflict repealed.** All acts or parts of acts in so far as they are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 147.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

S. F. 3.

AN ACT relating to employers' liability for personal injury sustained by employees in line of duty, fixing compensation therefor, securing the payment thereof, providing for the appointment of a commissioner and defining his duties.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. **Employers—employees—exceptions.** (a) Except as by this act otherwise provided, it shall be conclusively presumed that every employer as defined by this act has elected to provide, secure and pay compensation according to the terms, conditions, and provisions of this act for any and all personal injuries sustained by an employee arising out of and in the course of the employment; and in such cases the employer shall be relieved from other liability for recovery of damages or other compensation for such personal injury, unless by the terms of this act otherwise provided; but this act shall not apply to any household or domestic servant, farm or other laborer engaged in agricultural pursuits, nor persons whose employment is of a casual nature.

(b) **Compulsory.** Where the state, county, municipal corporation, school district, cities under special charter and commission form of government is the employer, the terms, conditions and provisions of this act for the payment of compensation and amount thereof for such injury sustained by an employee of such employer shall be exclusive, compulsory and obligatory upon both employer and employee.

(c) **Terms rejected.** An employer having the right under the provisions of this act to elect to reject the terms, conditions and provisions thereof and in such case exercises the right in the manner and form by this act provided, such employer shall not escape liability for personal injury sustained by an employe of such employer when the injury sustained arises out of and in the usual course of the employment because:

(1) **Risks assumed.** The employe assumed the risks inherent in or incidental to or arising out of his or her employment; or the risks arising from the failure of the employer to provide and maintain a reasonably safe place to work, or the risks arising from the failure of the employer to furnish reasonably safe tools or appliances, or because the employer exercised reasonable care in selecting reasonably competent employes in the business.

(2) **Negligence.** That the injury was caused by the negligence of the employe.

(3) **Intoxication.** That the employe was negligent unless and except it shall appear that such negligence was willful and with intent to cause the injury; or the result of intoxication of [on] the part of the injured party.

(4) **Burden of proof—employers' notice—form.** In actions by an employe against an employer for personal injury sustained arising out of and in the course of the employment where the employer has elected to reject the provisions of this act, it shall be presumed that the injury to the employe was the direct result and growing out of the negligence of the employer; and that such negligence was the proximate cause of the injury; and in such cases the burden of proof shall rest upon the employer to rebut the presumption of negligence.

Every such employer shall be conclusively presumed to have elected to provide, secure and pay compensation to employes for injuries sustained arising out of and in the course of the employment according to the provisions of this act, unless and until notice in writing of an election to the contrary shall have been given to the employes by posting the same in some conspicuous place at the place where the business is carried on, and also by filing notice with the Iowa Industrial Commissioner with return thereon by affidavit showing the date that notice was posted as by this act provided. Provided, however, that any employer beginning business after the taking effect of this act and giving notice at once of his desire not to come under the provisions of this act, shall not be considered as under the act. Provided, however, that such employer shall not be relieved of the payment of compensation as by this act provided until thirty days after the filing of such notice with the Iowa industrial commissioner, which notice shall be substantially in the following form:

EMPLOYERS' NOTICE TO REJECT

To the employes of the undersigned, and the Iowa Industrial Commissioner:

You and each of you are hereby notified that the undersigned rejects the terms, conditions and provisions to provide, secure and pay compensation to employes of the undersigned for injuries received as provided in the acts of the (.....) general assembly known as chapter (.....) and elects to pay damages for personal injuries received by such employe under the common law and statutes of this state modified by sub-divisions one, two, three and four of section one, chapter (.....) of the acts of the (.... ..) general assembly and acts amendatory thereto.

Signed.....

State of Iowa, }
 } ss:
..... county. }

The undersigned being first duly sworn deposes and says that a true, correct and verbatim copy of the foregoing notice was on the day of, 19.... posted at
(state fully place where posted.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by this day of, 19....

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Notary Public.

The employer shall keep such notice posted in some conspicuous place which shall apply to the employes subsequently employed by the employer with the same force and effect and to the same extent and in like manner as employes in the employ at the time the notice was given.

Where the employer and employe have not given notice of an election to reject the terms of this act, every contract of hire express or implied, shall be construed as an implied agreement between them and a part of the contract on the part of the employer to provide, secure and pay, and on the part of the employe to accept compensation in the manner as by this act provided for all personal injuries sustained arising out of and in the course of the employment.

SEC. 2. No compensation. No compensation under this act shall be allowed for an injury caused:

(a) By the employe's willful intention to injure himself or to willfully injure another; nor shall compensation be paid to an injured employe if injury is sustained where intoxication of the employee was the proximate cause of the injury.

SEC. 3. Employe's rights—(a) The rights and remedies provided in this act for an employe on account of an injury shall be exclusive of all other rights and remedies of such employe, his personal or legal representatives, dependents or next of kin, at common law or otherwise on account of such injury; and all employes affected by this act shall be conclusively presumed to have elected to take compensation in accordance with the terms, conditions and provisions of this act until notice in writing shall have been served upon his employer; and also on the Iowa Industrial Commissioner, with return thereon by affidavit showing the date upon which notice was served upon the employer.

(b) **Terms rejected—notice—form—affidavit.** In the event such employe elects to reject the terms, conditions and provisions of this act, the rights and remedies thereof shall not apply where an employe brings an action or takes proceedings to recover damages or compensation for injuries received growing out of and in the course of his employment, except as otherwise provided by this act; and in such actions where the employe has rejected the terms of this act the employer shall have the right to plead and rely upon any and all defenses including those at common law, and the rules and defenses of contributory negligence, assumption of risk and fellow-servant shall apply and be available to the employer as by statute authorized unless otherwise provided in this act. Provided, however, that if an employe sustains an injury as the result of the employer's failure to furnish or failure to exercise reasonable care to keep or maintain any safety device required by statute or rule, or violation of any of the statutory provisions or rules and regulations now or hereafter in force relating to safety of employes, the doctrine of assumed risk in such case growing out of the negligence of the employer shall not apply or be available as defensive matter to such offending party. The notice required to be given by an employe shall be substantially in the following form:

EMPLOYES' NOTICE TO REJECT.

To.....and the Iowa Industrial Commissioner:
(name of employer)

You and each of you are hereby notified that the undersigned hereby elects to reject the terms, conditions and provisions of an act for the payment of compensation as provided by the acts of the (.....) general assembly

and acts amendatory thereto, and elects to rely upon the common law as modified by section three of the acts of the (.....) general assembly for the right to recover for personal injury which I may receive, if any, growing out of and arising from the employment while in line of duty for my employer above named.

Dated this day of, 19.....

Signed.....

State of Iowa, }
..... county. } ss:

The undersigned being first duly sworn deposes and says that the written notice was on the day of, 19... served on the within named employer of the undersigned by delivering to (name of person served.)

a true, correct and verbatim copy thereof.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me by the said this day of, 19...

Notary Public.

In any case where an employee or one who is an applicant for employment elects to reject the terms, conditions, and provisions of this act, he shall, in addition to the notice required by sub-division (b) of section 3 of this act, state in an affidavit to be filed with said notice who, if any person, requested, suggested, or demands of such person to exercise the right to reject the provisions of this act. And if request, suggestion, or demand has been made of such employee by any person, such employee shall give and state the name of the person who made the request, suggestion, or demand, and all of the circumstances relating thereto, the date and place when and where made, and persons present, and if it be found that the employer of such employee, or an employer to whom an applicant for employment, or any person a member of the firm, association, corporation, or agent or official of such employer, made a request, suggestion, or demand of such employee or applicant for employment to reject the terms, conditions and provisions of this act, such request, suggestion, or demand if made under such conditions, shall be conclusively presumed to have been sufficient to have unduly influenced such employee or an applicant for employment to exercise the right to reject the terms of this act, and the rejection made under such circumstances shall be conclusively presumed to have been procured through fraud and thereby fraudulently procured, and such rejection shall be null and void and of no effect.

No person interested in the business of such employer, financially or otherwise, shall be permitted to administer the oath to the affidavit required in case as [an] employee or applicant for employment elects to exercise the right to reject the provisions of this act. And the person administering such oath in making such affidavit, shall carefully read the notice and affidavit to such person making such rejection, and shall explain that the purpose of the notice is to bar such person from recovering compensation in accordance with the schedule and terms of this act in the event that he sustains an injury in the course of such employment. All of which shall be shown by certificate of the person administering the oath herein contemplated. The Iowa Industrial

Commissioner, or any person acting for such commissioner, shall refuse to file the notice and affidavit, unless such notice, affidavit and certificate fully, and in detail, comply with the requirements hereof. And if such rejection, affidavit and certificate is found insufficient for any cause, shall be returned by mail or otherwise to the person who executed the instrument.

SEC. 4. Notice to reject—waiver. (a) When the employer or employee has given notice in compliance with this act electing to reject the terms thereof such election shall continue and be in force until such employer or employee shall thereafter elect to come under the provisions of this act as is provided in sub-division (b) of this section.

(b) When an employer or employe rejects the terms, conditions or provisions of this act, such party may at any time thereafter elect to waive the same by giving notice in writing in the same manner required of the party in electing to reject the provisions of the act and which shall become effective when filed with the Iowa Industrial Commissioner.

SEC. 5. Liability. Where the employer and employe elect to reject the terms, conditions and provisions of this act, the liability of the employer shall be the same as though the employe had not rejected the terms, conditions and provisions thereof.

SEC. 6. Security. An employer having come under this act, who thereafter elects to reject the terms, conditions and provisions thereof, shall not be relieved from the payment of compensation to such employe who sustains an injury in the course of the employment before the election to reject becomes effective; and in such cases the employer shall be required to secure the payment of any compensation due or that may become due to such workman, subject to the approval of the Iowa Industrial Commissioner.

SEC. 7. Beneficiary—compensation—liability. Where an employe coming under the provisions of this act receives an injury for which compensation is payable under this act and which injury was caused under circumstances creating a legal liability in some person other than the employer, to pay damages in respect thereof.

(a) The employe or beneficiary may take proceedings both against that person to recover damages and against the employer for compensation, but the amount of the compensation to which he is entitled under this act shall be reduced by the amount of damages recovered.

(b) If the employe or beneficiary in such case recovers compensation under this act, the employer by whom the compensation was paid or the party who has been called upon to pay the compensation, shall be entitled to indemnity from the person so liable to pay damages as aforesaid, and shall be subrogated to the rights of the employe to recover therefor.

SEC. 8. Contract to relieve not operative. No contract, rule, regulation or device whatsoever shall operate to relieve the employer, in whole or in part, from any liability created by this act except as herein provided.

SEC. 9. Injury—notice—time—bar. Unless the employer or representative of such employer shall have actual knowledge of the occurrence of an injury, or unless the employe or some one on his behalf, or some of the dependents or some one on their behalf, shall give notice thereof to the employer within fifteen days of the occurrence of the injury, then no compensation shall be paid until and from the date such notice is given or knowledge obtained; but if notice is given or the knowledge obtained within thirty days from the occurrence of the injury, no want, failure or inaccuracy of a notice

shall be a bar to obtaining compensation, unless the employer shall show that he was prejudiced by such want, defect or inaccuracy, and then only to the extent of such prejudice. Provided, that if the employe or beneficiary shall show that his failure to give prior notice was due to mistake, inadvertence, ignorance of fact or law, or inability, or to the fraud, misrepresentation or deceit of another or to any other reasonable cause or excuse, then compensation may be allowed, unless and then to the extent only that the employer shall show that he was prejudiced by failure to receive such notice. Provided, further, unless knowledge is obtained or notice given within ninety days after the occurrence of the injury, no compensation shall be allowed. No form of notice shall be required but may substantially conform to the following form:

FORM OF NOTICE.

To.....

You are hereby notified that on or about the day of, 19... , personal injury was sustained by while in your employ at

(Give name of place employed and point where located when injury occurred and that compensation will be claimed therefor.)

Signed.....

but no variation from this form of notice shall be material if the notice is sufficient to advise the employer that a certain employe, by name, received an injury in the course of his employment on or about a specified time at or near a certain place. Notice served upon one whom an original notice may be served in civil cases shall be a compliance with this act.

The notice required to be given to the employer may be served by any person over sixteen years of age, who shall make return upon a copy of the notice, properly sworn to, showing the date of service where and upon whom served, but no special form of the return of service of the notice shall be required. It shall be sufficient if the facts therefrom can be reasonably ascertained. The return of service may be amended at any time.

SEC. 10. Failure to notify—compensation schedule. If any employe has not given notice to reject the terms, conditions and provisions of this act, or has given such notice and waived the same as by this act provided, and the employer has not rejected the terms, conditions and provisions of the act or has given such notice and waived the same and the employe receives a personal injury arising out of and in the course of the employment, compensation shall be paid as herein provided.

(a) The compensation provided for in this act shall be paid in accordance with the schedule unless otherwise provided.

(b) At any time after an injury and until the expiration of two weeks of incapacity, the employer, if so requested by the workman, or any one for him, or if so ordered by the court or Iowa Industrial Commissioner, shall furnish reasonable surgical, medical and hospital services and supplies, not exceeding one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

(c) Where the injury causes death the compensation under this act shall be as follows:

The employer shall in addition to any other compensation pay the reasonable expense of the employe's last sickness and burial not to exceed one

hundred (\$100.00) dollars. If the employe leaves no dependents this shall be the only compensation.

(d) If death results from the injury, the employer shall pay the dependents of the employe wholly dependent upon his earnings for support at the time of the injury, a weekly payment equal to fifty (50%) per cent of his average weekly wages, but not more than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor less than five (\$5.00) dollars per week for a period of three hundred (300) weeks.

(e) If the employe leaves dependents only partially dependent upon his earnings for support at the time of the injury, the weekly compensation to be paid as aforesaid shall be equal to the same proportion of the weekly payments for the benefit of persons wholly dependent as the amount contributed by the employe to such partial dependents bear to the annual earnings of the deceased at the time of the injury. When weekly payments have been made to an injured employe before his death, the compensation to dependents shall begin from the date of the last of such payments, but shall not continue more than three hundred (300) weeks from the date of the injury.

(f) Where injury causes death to an employe, a minor, whose earnings were received by the parent, the compensation to be paid the parent shall be two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the amount provided for payment in sub-division "D" section "10."

(g) No compensation shall be paid for an injury which does not incapacitate the employe for a period of at least two weeks from earning full wages; but if incapacity extends beyond a period of two weeks, compensation shall begin on the fifteenth day after the injury.

(h) For injury producing temporary disability, fifty (50%) per cent of the average weekly wages received at the time of injury, subject to a maximum compensation of ten (\$10.00) dollars and a minimum of five (\$5.00) dollars per week; provided, that if at the time of injury the employe receives wages less than five (\$5.00) dollars per week, then he shall receive the full amount of wages per week. This compensation shall be paid during the period of such disability, not, however, beyond three hundred (300) weeks.

(i) For disability total in character and permanent in quality fifty (50%) per cent of the average weekly wages received at the time of the injury, subject to a maximum compensation of ten (\$10.00) dollars per week, and a minimum of five (\$5.00) dollars per week; provided, that if at the time of injury, the employe receives wages less than five (\$5.00) dollars per week, then he shall receive the full amount of wages per week. This compensation shall be paid during the period of such disability, not however, beyond four hundred (400) weeks.

(j) For disability partial in character and permanent in quality the compensation shall be based upon the extent of such disability.

For all cases included in the following schedule compensation shall be paid as follows, to-wit:

(1) For the loss of a thumb fifty per cent (50%) of daily wages during forty weeks.

(2) For the loss of a first finger, commonly called the index finger, fifty per cent (50%) of daily wages during thirty (30) weeks.

(3) For the loss of a second finger, fifty per cent (50%) of daily wages during twenty-five (25) weeks.

(4) For the loss of a third finger, fifty per cent (50%) of daily wages during twenty (20) weeks.

(5) for the loss of a fourth finger, commonly called the little finger, fifty per cent (50%) of daily wages for fifteen (15) weeks.

(6) For the loss of the first phalange of the thumb or of any finger shall be considered to be equal to the loss of one-half of such thumb or finger and compensation shall be one-half of the amounts above specified.

(7) The loss of more than one phalange shall be considered as the loss of the entire finger or thumb; provided, however, that in no case shall the amount received for more than one finger exceed the amount provided in this schedule for the loss of a hand.

(8) For the loss of a great toe, fifty per cent (50%) of daily wages during twenty-five (25) weeks.

(9) For the loss of one of the toes other than the great toe, fifty (50%) per cent of daily wages during fifteen (15) weeks.

(10) For the loss of the first phalange of any toe, shall be considered to be equal to the loss of one-half of such toe and the compensation shall be one-half of the amount above specified.

(11) The loss of more than one phalange shall be considered as the loss of the entire toe.

(12) For the loss of a hand fifty per cent (50%) of daily wages during one hundred fifty (150) weeks.

(13) For the loss of an arm fifty per cent (50%) of daily wages during two hundred (200) weeks.

(14) For the loss of a foot fifty per cent (50%) of daily wages during one hundred twenty-five (125) weeks.

(15) For the loss of a leg, fifty per cent (50%) of daily wages during one hundred seventy-five (175) weeks.

(16) For the loss of any [an] eye, fifty per cent (50%) of daily wages during one hundred (100) weeks.

(17) For the loss of both arms, or both hands, or both feet, or both legs, or both eyes, or of any two thereof, shall constitute total and permanent disability to be compensated according to provisions of clause "I" section ten, part one hereof.

(18) In all other cases in this, clause "J", the compensation shall bear such relation to the amount stated in the above schedule as the disability bears to those produced by the injuries named in the schedule. Should the employe and employer be unable to agree upon the amount of compensation to be paid in cases not specifically covered by the schedule, the amount of compensation shall be settled according to provisions of this act as in other cases of disagreement.

(19) The amounts specified in this, clause "J" and sub-divisions thereof shall be subject to the same limitations as to maximum and minimum weekly payments as are stated in clause "H" section ten hereof.

SEC. 11. Death. Where an employe is entitled to compensation under this act for an injury received and death ensues from any cause not resulting from the injury for which he was entitled to the compensation, payments of the unpaid balance for such injury shall cease and all liability therefor shall terminate.

SEC. 12. Examination—right to compensation suspended. After an injury the employe, if so requested by his employer, shall submit himself for examination at some reasonable time and place within the state and as often

as may be reasonably requested, to a physician or physicians authorized to practice under the laws of this state without cost to the employe; but if the employe requests he shall, at his own cost, be entitled to have a physician or physicians of his own selection present to participate in such examination. The refusal of the employe to submit to such examination shall deprive him of the right to compensation during the continuance of such refusal. When a right to compensation is thus suspended no compensation shall be payable in respect to the period of suspension.

SEC. 13. Compensation—measure of responsibility. The compensation herein provided shall be the measure of the responsibility which the employer has assumed for injuries or death that may occur to employes in his employment subject to the provisions of this act, and it shall not be in any wise reduced by contribution from employes.

SEC. 14. Minor—trustee—payment—annual reports. Where a minor dependent or one physically or mentally incapacitated from earning is entitled to compensation under this act, payment shall be made to a trustee appointed by the judge of the district court for each county in the respective judicial districts, and the money coming into the hands of the said trustee shall be expended for the use and benefit of the person entitled thereto under the direction and orders of the judge during term time or in vacation. The trustee shall make annual reports to the court of all money or property received and expended for each person, and for services rendered as trustee shall be paid such compensation by the county as the court may direct by written order directed to the auditor of the county who shall issue a warrant therefor upon the treasurer of the county in which the appointment is made. If the judge making the appointment deems it advisable, a trustee may be appointed to serve for more than one county in the district and the expenses shall be paid ratably by each county according to the amount of work performed in each county. The trustee shall qualify and give bond in such amount as the judge may direct, which may be increased or diminished from time to time as the court may deem best.

SEC. 15. Satisfaction in full—order—court. In any case where the period of compensation can be determined definitely either party may, upon due notice to the other, apply to any judge of the district court for the county in which the accident occurred for an order commuting future payments to a lump sum. And such judge may make such an order when it shall be shown to his satisfaction that the payment of a lump sum in lieu of future monthly or weekly payments, as the case may be, will be for the best interest of the person or persons receiving or dependent upon said compensation. or that the continuance of periodical payments will as compared with lump sum payments entail undue expense or undue hardship upon the employer liable therefor. Where the commutation is ordered, the court shall fix the lump sum to be paid at an amount which will equal the total sum of the probable future payments capitalized at their present value and upon the basis of interest, calculated at 5 per cent per annum. Upon the payment of such amount the employer shall be discharged from all further liability on account of such injury or death, for which said compensation was being paid, and be entitled to a duly executed release, upon filing which the liability of such employer under any agreement, award, finding or judgment shall be discharged of record.

SEC. 16. Computation schedule. The basis for computing compensation provided for in this act shall be as follows:

(a) The compensation shall be computed on the basis of the annual earnings which the injured person received as salary, wages or earnings in the employment of the same employer during the year next preceding the injury.

(b) Employment by the same employer shall be taken to mean employment by the same employer in the grade in which the employe was employed at the time of the accident, uninterrupted by absence from work due to illness or any other unavoidable cause.

(c) The annual earnings, if not otherwise determinable, shall be regarded as three hundred (300) times the average daily earnings in such computation.

(d) If the injured person has not been engaged in the employment for a full year immediately preceding the accident, the compensation shall be computed according to the annual earnings which persons of the same class in the same or in neighboring employments of the same kind have earned during such period. And if this basis of computation is impossible, or should appear to be unreasonable, three hundred (300) times the amount which the injured person earned on an average of those days when he was working during the year next preceding the accident, shall be used as a basis for the computation.

(e) In case of injured employes who earn either no wages or less than three hundred (300) times the usual daily wage or earnings of the adult day laborer in the same line of industry of that locality the yearly wage shall be reckoned as three hundred (300) times the average daily local wages of the average wage earner in that particular kind or class of work; or if information of that class is not obtainable, then of the class or kindred or similarity in the same general employment in the same neighborhood.

(f) As to employes in employments in which it is the custom to operate for a part of the whole number of working days in each year, such number shall be used instead of three hundred (300) as a basis for computing the annual earnings, provided, the minimum number of days which shall be used for the basis of the year's work shall not be less than two hundred (200.)

(g) Earnings, for the purpose of this section, shall be based on the earnings for the number of hours commonly regarded as a day's work for that employment, and shall exclude overtime earnings. The earnings shall not include any sum which the employer has been accustomed to pay the employe to cover any special expense entailed on him by the nature of his employment.

(h) In computing the compensation to be paid to any employe who, before the accident for which he claims compensation, was disabled and drawing compensation under the terms of this act, the compensation for each subsequent injury shall be apportioned according to the proportion of incapacity and disability caused by the respective injuries which he may have suffered.

SEC. 17. Terms defined—dependents. In this act unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Employer" includes and applies to any person, firm, association or corporation, and includes state, counties, municipal corporations, cities under special charter and under commission form of government and shall include school districts and the legal representatives of a deceased employer. Whenever necessary to give effect to section seven of this act, it includes a principal or intermediate contractor.

(b) "Workman" is used synonymous with "employe" and means any person who has entered into the employment of, or works under contract of service, express or implied, or apprenticeship for an employer, except a per-

son whose employment is purely casual and not for the purpose of the employer's trade or business or those engaged in clerical work only, but clerical work shall not include one who may be subjected to the hazards of the business or one holding an official position or standing in a representative capacity of the employer, or an official elected or appointed by the state, county, school district, municipal corporation, cities under special charter and commission form of government. Provided, that one who sustains the relation of contractor with any person, firm, association, corporation or the state, county, school district, municipal corporation, cities under special charter or commission form of government, shall not be considered an employe thereof.

The term "workman" shall include the singular and plural of both sexes. Any reference to a workman who has been injured shall, where the workman is dead, include a reference to his dependents as herein defined, legal representatives or where the workman is a minor or incompetent to his guardian or next friend.

(c) The following shall be conclusively presumed to be wholly dependent upon a deceased employe:

(1) The surviving spouse, unless it be shown that the survivor willfully deserted deceased without fault upon the part of the deceased, and if it be shown that the survivor deserted deceased without fault upon the part of deceased, the survivor shall not be regarded as a dependent in any degree. No surviving spouse shall be entitled to the benefits of this act unless she shall have been married to the deceased at the time of the injury.

(2) A child or children under sixteen years of age (and over said age if physically or mentally incapacitated from earning) whether actually dependent for support or not upon the parent at the time of his or her death.

(3) A parent of a minor entitled to the earnings of the employe at the time when the injury occurred, subject to provisions of sub-division "F" section ten hereof.

(4) If the deceased employe leaves dependent surviving spouse, the full compensation shall be paid to such spouse; but if the dependent surviving spouse dies before payment is made in full, the balance remaining shall be paid to the person or persons wholly dependent, if any, share and share alike. If there be no person or persons wholly dependent, then payment shall be made to partial dependents.

(5) In all other cases questions of dependency in whole or in part shall be determined in accordance with the fact as the fact may be at the time of the injury; and in such other cases if there is more than one person wholly dependent, the death benefit shall be equally divided among them, and persons partially dependent, if any, shall receive no part thereof. If there is no one wholly dependent and more than one person partially dependent, the death benefit shall be divided among them according to the relative extent of their dependency. Provided, however, that when a lump sum is paid as contemplated by this act, the court or commissioner, in making distribution thereof, shall take into consideration the contingent rights of partial beneficiaries or the rights of those who may become such after a wholly dependent child or children become sixteen years of age.

(6) Step-parents shall be regarded in this act as parents.

(7) Adopted child or children or step-child or children shall be regarded in this act the same as if issue of the body.

(d) "Injury" or "personal injury" includes death resulting from injury.

(e) The words "personal injury arising out of and in the course of such employment" shall include injuries to employees whose services are being performed on, in or about the premises which are occupied, used or controlled by the employer, and also injuries to those who are engaged elsewhere in places where their employer's business requires their presence and subjects them to dangers incident to the business.

(f) The words "injury and personal injury" shall not include injury caused by the willful act of a third person directed against an employe for reasons personal to such employe or because of his employment.

(g) They shall not include a disease except as it shall result from the injury.

(h) "Industrial employment" includes only employment in occupation, callings, businesses or pursuits which are carried on by the employer for the sake of pecuniary gain.

(i) The word "court" whenever used in this act unless the context shows otherwise, shall be taken to mean the district court.

SEC. 18. Insurance—penalty—waiver. (a) Any contract of employment, relief benefit or insurance or other device whereby the employe is required to pay any premium or premiums for insurance against the compensation provided for in this act shall be null and void; and any employer withholding from the wages of any employe any amount for the purpose of paying any such premium shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars for each offense in the discretion of the court.

No employe or beneficiary shall have power to waive any of the provisions of this act in regard to the amount of compensation which may be payable to such employe or beneficiary hereunder to whom the act applies.

SEC. 19. Contract fraudulent. Any contract or agreement made by any employer or his agent or attorney with any employe or any other beneficiary of any claim under the provisions of this act within twelve (12) days after the injury shall be presumed to be fraudulent.

SEC. 20. Safety appliances. The Iowa Industrial Commissioner co-operating with the employers affected by this act, or any committee or committees appointed by such employers or the Iowa Industrial Commissioner, shall fix standards of safety for safety appliances or places of employment, except mines under the jurisdiction of the mine inspectors.

SEC. 21. Attorney's liens—approval. No claim of an attorney-at-law for services in securing a recovery under this act shall be an enforceable lien thereon unless the amount of the same be approved in writing by a judge of a court of record or the Iowa Industrial Commissioner, which approval may be made in term time or vacation.

SEC. 22. Provisions—applicable to interstate and foreign commerce. The provisions of this act shall apply to employers and employes as defined in this act engaged in intra-state commerce and also those engaged in inter-state or foreign commerce for whom a rule or method of compensation has been or may be established by the congress of the United States, only to the extent that their mutual connection with intra-state work or foreign commerce shall be clearly separable and distinguishable from inter-state or foreign commerce; provided that any such employer and workman of such employer working only in this state may, subject to the approval of the Iowa Industrial Commissioner, and so far as not forbidden by any act of congress or permitted, voluntarily by written agreement, accept and become bound by the provisions of this act in like manner and with the same force and effect in every respect as by this act provided for other employers and employes.

PART II.

SEC. 23. **Industrial Commissioner—term.** There is hereby created the office of Iowa Industrial Commissioner, to be appointed by the governor, by and with the consent of the senate. The term of office of the commissioner shall be six years. An appointment may be made to fill a vacancy or otherwise when the senate is not in session, but shall be acted upon at the next session thereof.

SEC. 24. **Salaries—expenses—seal—accounts itemized—political activity—appropriation.** The salary and actual necessary expenses of the commissioner shall be paid by the state, and he shall be provided with adequate and necessary office rooms, furniture, equipment, supplies and other necessaries in the transaction of the business. The salary of the commissioner shall be three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per annum. The commissioner, by and with the consent of the executive council may fix the salary and appoint a secretary and other assistants and clerical help as may be required and needed, provided, that the salary of the secretary shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) per annum. The salary and actual personal expense account of the commissioner shall be itemized and sworn to, and filed as other current bills as provided by statute, and warrant therefor shall be issued by the auditor upon the treasurer of the state for the payment thereof at the end of each calendar month; provided, however, that the expense account may be audited, allowed and paid at the end of each week. The commissioner shall provide himself with a seal, which shall be used to authenticate his orders, decisions and other proceedings deemed necessary, upon which shall be inscribed the words "Iowa Industrial Commissioner's Seal" and the date of organization. All other accounts made by, through or under the commissioner for salaries, expenditures, unless otherwise by this act provided, shall be itemized and sworn to by the parties entitled thereto, audited by the commissioner, attested by the secretary, filed as other bills are required by statute, and a warrant shall issue therefor by the auditor of state upon the treasurer, who shall pay the same out of the funds appropriated for the use of the commissioner as by this act provided. The salaries of all persons under the commissioner shall be audited, allowed and paid at the end of each month, and expense accounts may be audited, allowed and paid at the end of each week. The commissioner shall have the power to remove the secretary or any other person appointed to an office by him at any time the commissioner may see fit.

It shall be unlawful for any appointee by the commissioner to espouse the election or appointment of any candidate for or to any political office, or contribute to the campaign fund of any political party, or to the campaign fund of any person who is a candidate for election or appointment to any political office, and any person performing the duties as an appointee under the commissioner violating the provisions of this act shall be sufficient cause for dismissal and removal from office.

Before entering upon his duties the commissioner shall qualify by taking the oath of his office, that he will support the constitution of the United States and of the state of Iowa, and will faithfully and impartially, without fraud fear or favor discharge the duties of his office incumbent upon him, as provided by the law of the state of Iowa, to the best of his ability and understanding.

There is hereby appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated for the use of the commissioner, as contemplated within the terms of this act or acts amendatory thereof, or other statutes relating to the commis-

sioner, his duties and responsibilities empowered by law, the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) annually, and in addition thereto the executive council shall provide and furnish the commissioner with such printing as may be necessary in the transaction of the business within the contemplation of law.

SEC. 25. Rules—powers of commissioner—district court to enforce provisions—reports. The commissioner may make rules and regulations not inconsistent with this act for carrying out the provisions of the act. Process and procedure under this act shall be as summary as reasonably may be. The commissioner shall have the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and to examine such books and records of the parties to a proceeding or investigation as relate to questions in dispute or under investigation. The fees for attending as a witness before the industrial commissioner shall be \$1.50 per diem; for attending before an arbitration committee \$1.00 per diem; in both cases five cents per mile for traveling to and from the place of hearing. The district court is hereby empowered to enforce by proper proceedings the provisions of this section relating to the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the examination of books and records. The commissioner shall make biennial reports to the governor who shall transmit the same to the general assembly, in which among other things, the commissioner shall recommend such changes in the law covered by this act as it may deem necessary.

SEC. 26. Settlement—memorandum filed—approval by commissioner. If the employer and the employe reach an agreement in regard to the compensation under this act, a memorandum thereof shall be filed with the Iowa industrial commissioner by the employer or employe, and unless the commissioner shall, within twenty days, notify the employer and employe of his disapproval of the agreement by registered letter sent to their addresses as given on the memorandum filed, the agreement shall stand as approved and be enforceable for all purposes under the provisions of this act. Such agreement shall be approved by said commissioner only when the terms conform to the provisions of this act.

SEC. 27. Arbitration—committee—vacancy. If the employer and the injured employe or representatives or dependents fail to reach an agreement in regard to compensation under this act, either party may notify the industrial commissioner, who shall thereupon call for the formation of a committee of arbitration. The arbitration committee shall consist of three persons, one of whom shall be the industrial commissioner who shall act as chairman. The other two shall be named, respectively, by the two parties. If a vacancy occurs it shall be filled by the party whose representative is unable to act.

SEC. 28. Arbitrators' oath—form. The arbitrators appointed by the parties shall be sworn by the chairman to take the following oath:

I.....do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully perform my duties as arbitrator and will not be influenced in my decision by any feeling of friendship or partiality toward either party.

Signed.....

SEC. 29. Committee—how formed. It shall be the duty of the industrial commissioner, upon notification, that the parties have failed to reach an agreement, to request both parties to appoint their respective representatives on the committee of arbitration. The commissioner shall act as chairman, and, if either party does not appoint its member on this committee within seven days after notification as above provided, or after a vacancy has occurred, the commissioner shall fill the vacancy and notify the parties to that effect.

SEC. 30. Duties—decision of arbitrators. The committee on arbitration shall make such inquiries and investigations as it shall deem necessary. The hearings of the committee shall be in the city, town or place where the injury occurred and the decision of the committee, together with the statement of evidence submitted before it, its findings of fact, rulings of law and any other matters pertinent to questions arising before it shall be filed with the industrial commissioner. Unless a claim for a review is filed by either party within five days, the decision shall be enforceable under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 31. Physician's examination—fee—testimony. The industrial commissioner may appoint a duly qualified impartial physician to examine the injured employe and make report. The fee for this service shall be five (\$5.00) dollars, to be paid by the industrial commissioner together with traveling expenses, but the commissioner may allow additional reasonable amounts in extraordinary cases. Any physician so examining any injured employe shall not be prohibited from testifying before the Iowa Industrial Commissioner or any other person, commission or court, as to the results of his examination or the condition of the injured employe.

SEC. 32. Fees—by whom paid. The arbitrators named by or for the parties to the dispute shall each receive five (\$5.00) dollars as a fee for his services, but the industrial commissioner may allow additional reasonable amounts in extraordinary cases. The fees shall be paid by the employer who may deduct an amount equal to one-half of the sum from any compensation found due the employe. And all other costs incurred in the hearing before the board of arbitration shall be taxed to the losing party, or an equitable apportionment made thereof by the committee according to the facts.

SEC. 33. Review—by whom heard—second hearing. If a claim for review is filed, the industrial commissioner shall hear the parties and may hear evidence in regard to any or all matters pertinent thereto and may revise the decision of the committee in whole or in part, or may refer the matter back to the committee for further findings of fact, and shall file its decision with the records of the proceedings and notify the parties thereof. No party shall as a matter of right be entitled to a second hearing upon any question of fact.

SEC. 34. Decision—decree—appeal. Any party in interest may present certified copy of an order or decision of the commissioner or a decision of an arbitration committee from which no claim for review has been filed within the time allowed therefor, or a memorandum of agreement approved by the commissioner, and all papers in connection therewith, to the district court of the county in which the injury occurred, whereupon said court shall render a decree in accordance therewith and notify the parties. Such decree shall have the same effect and in all proceedings in relation thereto shall thereafter be the same as though rendered in a suit duly heard and determined by said court, except that there shall be no appeal therefrom upon questions of fact or where the decree is based upon an order or decision of the commissioner which has not been presented to the court within ten days after the notice of the filing thereof by the commissioner. Upon the presentation to the court of a certified copy of a decision of the industrial commissioner, ending, diminishing or increasing a weekly payment under the provisions of this act, the court shall revoke or modify the decree to conform to such decision.

SEC. 35. Payment reviewed—written notice. (a) Any payment to be made under this act may be reviewed by the industrial commissioner at the request of the employer or of the employe, and on such review it may be ended, diminished or increased subject to the maximum or minimum amounts provided

for in this act if the commissioner finds the conditions of the employe warrants such action.

(b) Any notice to be given by the commissioner or court provided for in this act shall be in writing but service thereof shall be sufficient if registered and deposited in the mail, addressed to the last known address of the parties.

SEC. 36. Attorneys' and physicians' fees. Fees of attorneys and physicians for services under this act shall be subject to the approval of the industrial commissioner unless otherwise provided in this act.

SEC. 37. Record—reports—inspection—penalty. Every employer shall hereafter keep a record of all injuries, fatal or otherwise, sustained by his employes in the course of their employment. Within forty-eight hours not counting Sundays and legal holidays, after the employer has knowledge of the occurrence of an accident resulting in personal injury, a report shall be made in writing by the employer to the industrial commissioner on blanks to be procured from the commissioner for that purpose.

Upon the termination of the disability of the injured employe, or if such disability extends beyond a period of sixty days, at the expiration of such period, the employer shall make a supplemental report on blanks to be procured from the commissioner for that purpose. The said reports shall contain the name and nature of the business of the employer, the location of the establishment, the name, age, sex and occupation of the injured employe, and shall state the date and hour of the accident, the nature and cause of the injury, and such other information as may be required by the commissioner. Any employer who refuses or neglects to make the report required by this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars for each offense.

All books, records and pay-rolls of the employers, coming under this act showing or reflecting in any way upon the amount of wage expenditure of such employers, shall always be open for inspection by the industrial commissioner, or any of his representatives presenting a certificate of authority from said commissioner for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the wage expenditure; the number of men employed and such other information as may be necessary for the uses and purposes of the commissioner in its administration of the law. But information obtained within the contemplation of this act shall be used for no other purpose than the information of the commissioner or insurance association with reference to the duties imposed upon such commissioner. A refusal on the part of the employer to submit his books, records or pay-rolls for the inspection of the commissioner, or his authorized representatives presenting written authority from the commissioner, shall subject the employer to a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each such offense to be collected by civil action in the name of the state, and paid into the state treasurer. [treasury.]

SEC. 38. Political activity and contributions prohibited. It shall be unlawful for the commissioner, during his term of office, to serve upon any committee of any political party or espouse the election or appointment of any person for any political office or contribute to any campaign fund of any political party, or to the campaign fund of any person who is a candidate for election or appointed to any political office. A violation of this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

SEC. 39. Candidate—requirements. It shall be unlawful for any person who is a candidate for the appointment as commissioner to make any promise to another, expressed or implied, in consideration of any assistance or influ-

ence given or recommendation made that the candidate will, if appointed as commissioner, vote to appoint such person or one whom he may recommend to an office within the power of the commissioner to appoint. A violation thereof shall be deemed a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

SEC. 40. Recommendations to governor—in writing—removal from office. All recommendations to the governor of any person asking the appointment of another as commissioner shall be reduced to writing signed by the person presenting the same, which shall be filed by the governor in his office and open at all reasonable times for public inspection, and all recommendations made by any person to the commissioner for the appointment of another within the power of the commissioner to appoint, shall be reduced to writing, signed by the person presenting the same and filed by the commissioner and open for public inspection at all reasonable times and hours. If any person recommending the appointment of another within the contemplation of this act refuse to reduce the same to writing, it shall be the duty of the person to whom the recommendation is made, to make a brief memoranda thereof stating the name of the person recommended and the name of the person who made the same, which shall be filed as by this act in other cases provided. It shall be unlawful for the commissioner to be financially interested in any business enterprise coming under or affected by this act during his term of office and any member offending this statute, it shall be sufficient grounds for his removal from office and in such case the governor shall at once declare the office vacant and appoint another to fill the vacancy.

SEC. 41. Removal—notice—hearing—executive council. The governor shall remove from office the commissioner on the grounds of inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office, upon written charges having been filed with the executive council and sustained by proofs. But written notice of such charges, together with a copy thereof, shall be served upon the accused ten (10) days before the time fixed for hearing. The executive council shall have jurisdiction to hear the case, and shall make such finding in accordance with justice and the law. The finding shall be reduced to writing, and report and finding filed with the governor.

PART III.

SEC. 42. Insurance approved by state department of insurance. Every employer, subject to the provisions of this act, shall insure his liability thereunder in some corporation, association or organization approved by the state department of insurance. Every such employer shall within thirty (30) days after this act goes into effect exhibit on demand of the state insurance department evidence of his compliance with this section. And if such employer refuses, or neglects to comply with this section, he shall be liable in case of injury to any workman in his employ under part one (1) of this act.

SEC. 43. Mutual insurance—conditions. For the purpose of complying with the foregoing section, groups of employers by themselves or in an association with any or all of their workmen, may form insurance associations as hereafter provided, subject to such reasonable conditions and restrictions as may be fixed by the state insurance department and membership in such mutual insurance organization as approved, together with evidence of the payment of premiums due, shall be evidence of compliance with the preceding section.

SEC. 44. Benefit insurance. Subject to the approval of the Iowa Industrial Commissioner any employer or group of employers may enter into or continue

an agreement with his or their workmen to provide a scheme of compensation, benefit or insurance in lieu of the compensation and insurance provided by this act; but such scheme shall in no instance provide less than the benefits here secured, nor vary the period of compensation provided for disability or for death, or the provisions of this act with respect to periodic payments, or the percentage that such payments shall bear to weekly wages, except that the sums required may be increased; provided, further, that the approval of the Iowa Industrial Commissioner shall be granted, if the scheme provides for contribution by workmen, only when it confers benefits in addition to those required by this act commensurate with such contributions.

SEC. 45. Plan approved—certificate. Whenever such scheme or plan is approved by the Iowa Industrial Commissioner, he shall issue a certificate to that effect, whereupon it shall be legal for such employer, or group of employers, to contract with any or all of his or their workmen to substitute such scheme or plan for the provisions of this act during a period of time fixed by said department.

SEC. 46. Termination—bond—appeal. Such scheme or plan may be terminated by the Iowa Industrial Commissioner on reasonable notice to the interested parties if it shall appear that the same is not fairly administered, or if its operation shall disclose latent defects threatening its solvency, or if for any substantial reason it fails to accomplish the purpose of this act; but from any such order of said Iowa Industrial Commissioner the parties affected, whether employer or workman, may, upon the giving of proper bond to protect the interests involved appeal for equitable relief to the district court of this state.

SEC. 47. Premium charged. No insurer of any obligation under this act shall either by himself or through another, either directly or indirectly, charge or accept as a commission or compensation for placing or renewing any insurance under this act more than fifteen (15) per cent of the premium charged.

SEC. 48. Policy form. Every policy issued by any insurance corporation, association or organization to assure the payment of compensation under this act shall contain a clause providing that between any employer and the insurer, notice, to and knowledge of the occurrence of injury or death on the part of the insured shall be notice and knowledge on the part of the insurer; and jurisdiction of the insured for the purpose of this act shall be jurisdiction of the insurer and the insurer shall be bound by every agreement, adjudgment, award or judgment rendered against the insured.

SEC. 49. Lien for insurance. No policy of insurance issued under this act shall contain any provision relieving the insurer from payment if the insured becomes insolvent or discharged in bankruptcy during the period that the policy is in operation, or the compensation, or any part of it, is due and unpaid. Every policy shall provide that the workman shall have a first lien upon any amount becoming due on account of such policy to the insured from the insurer, and that in case of the legal incapacity, inability or disability of the insured to receive the amount due and pay it over to the insured workman, or his dependents, said insurer shall pay the same directly to such workman, his agent, or to a trustee for him or his dependents, to the extent of discharging any obligation of the insured to said workman or his dependents.

SEC. 50. Proof of solvency—revocation of order. Where an employer coming under this act furnishes proofs to the insurance department satisfactory to the insurance department and Iowa Industrial Commissioner, of such employer's solvency and financial ability to pay the compensation and benefits as

by this act provided and to make such payments to the parties when entitled thereto, or when such employer deposits with such insurance department security satisfactory to such insurance department and the Iowa Industrial Commissioner as will secure the payment of such compensation, such employer shall be relieved of the provision of section forty-two (42) of this act. Provided that such employer shall from time to time, as may be required by such insurance department and Iowa Industrial Commissioner, furnish such additional proof of solvency and financial ability to pay as by this section of this act provided.

The insurance department and Iowa Industrial Commissioner may, at any time, upon reasonable notice to such employer and upon hearing, revoke for cause any order or approval theretofore made, as by this act provided and within the contemplation of this section.

Sec. 51. **In effect.** Part one of this act shall take effect from and after July first, 1914, and parts two and three July fourth, 1913.

And any employer or employee who serves the notice to reject the terms of the act as by the act provided not less than thirty days before part one thereof takes effect, such notice for the purpose rejecting the terms of the act shall have the same force and effect as though part one had taken effect July fourth, 1913.

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CHAPTER 148.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY PRIOR TO TAKING EFFECT OF WORKINGMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

S. F. 560.

AN ACT relating to injuries sustained by employees which occur prior to the taking effect of an act enacted by the thirty-fifth general assembly relating to employers' liability for injuries sustained by employees while in line of duty. [Additional to chapter 147 of the acts of the thirty-fifth general assembly.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Liability—fixing compensation. That the law enacted by the thirty-fifth general assembly known as senate file No. 3, relating to employers' liability for personal injury sustained by employees in line of duty, and fixing compensation therefor, shall not apply to an injury sustained by such employee of such employer which occurs prior to the time when such act takes effect in all of its parts; but the law and procedure in force at the time such injury occurs, if before such act takes effect in all of its parts, shall be the same as though such act had not been enacted whether such action is brought before or after such act takes effect in all of its parts.

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