dollars and actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. 16

The committee shall adopt rules and procedure for its meetings and 18 activities.

It shall be the duty of the committee to hold public hearings, to formulate rules more specifically defining the occupations and equipment permitted or prohibited herein, to determine occupations for which work permits shall be required, and to issue general and special orders prohibiting or allowing the employment of persons under eighteen years of age in any place of employment hazardous to the health, safety, and welfare of such persons as defined in this chapter.

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CHAPTER 112

DISTRESS FLAGS FOR HANDICAPPED

H. F. 268

AN ACT relating to the issuance and use of distress flags by handicapped persons and providing penalties for violations thereof.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise re-1 2 quires:

1. "Handicapped or paraplegic person" means:

a. Any person who has impairments that, for all practical purposes, confines him to a wheelchair.

b. Any person who has impairments that cause him to walk with difficulty and insecurity including, but not limited to, a person using braces or crutches, amputees, arthritics, spastics, and any person with a pulmonary or cardiac problem who is semi-ambulatory.

2. "Distress flag" means a white flag made of reflective material, seven and one-half inches in width and thirteen inches in length, 10 11 with an irregular one-half inch red border and a red letter "H" cen-12 13 tered thereon, approved and issued by the commissioner of public 14 safety.

SEC. 2. A person whose motor vehicle is disabled, may use or display a distress flag as a distress signal if he qualifies as a handicapped or paraplegic person and has been issued a permit and a distress flag as provided in section three (3) of this Act.

SEC. 3. Any person desiring a distress flag for use as provided in section two (2) of this Act shall apply to the department of public safety, upon an application form furnished by the department, providing his name, address, date of birth, a physician's signature attesting to the disability and information on the type of physical apparatus needed to operate a motor vehicle, if any, and information relating to his handicap required by the commissioner of public safety. Upon determination by the commissioner that the applicant qualifies as a handicapped or paraplegic person as defined in section one (1) of this Act and the payment of a fee, the commissioner shall issue the appli-

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- cant a permit to use a distress flag. The commissioner shall determine the fee for the distress flag except that the fee shall not exceed the cost of the flag to the department. Each distress flag shall be numbered and in the event of its loss or destruction, the commissioner may issue a duplicate upon payment of the fee. The commissioner shall maintain a record of all applicants and those qualified applicants receiving permits and distress flags.
 - SEC. 4. If a person who has been issued a permit and distress flag under this Act becomes disqualified as a handicapped or paraplegic person, he shall return the permit and the distress flag to the department.
 - Sec. 5. Any person who is not qualified as a handicapped or paraplegic person and uses a distress flag as provided in this Act or for any other purpose is guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or thirty days in jail.

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CHAPTER 113

FEDERAL-STATE UNEMPLOYMENT PROGRAM H. F. 704

AN ACT to extend and improve the federal-state unemployment compensation program.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section ninety-six point three (96.3), subsection four (4), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1971, is amended as follows:

An individual's weekly benefit amount shall be an amount equal to one [twenty-second] twentieth of his total wages in insured work paid during that quarter of his base period in which such total wages were highest, subject to the following limitation: The commission shall determine annually a maximum weekly benefit amount by computing fifty percent of the average weekly wage paid to employees in insured work which shall be effective the first day of the first full week in July. Beginning with the first full week in July of 1973, and each year thereafter the maximum weekly benefit amount shall be determined by computing fifty-five percent of the average weekly wage paid to employees in insured work. Such maximum weekly benefit amount, if not a multiple of one dollar shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of one dollar.

- 1 SEC. 2. Section ninety-six point three (96.3), Code 1971, is 2 amended by striking subsection seven (7).
- 1 Sec. 3. Section ninety-six point four (96.4), Code 1971, is 2 amended by adding the following subsections:
 - 1. "Benefits based on service in employment, defined in section ninety-six point nineteen (96.19), subsection seven (7), of the Code, shall be payable in the same amount, on the same terms and subject to the same conditions as compensation payable on the basis of other service subject to this chapter; except that benefits based on service in an instructional, research, or principal administrative capacity