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SENATE FILE 83

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**1-23-70 Industrial Relations 1-22, Para 1-21
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By O'MALLEY

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Vote: Ayes *53* Nays *0* Vote: Ayes *92* Nays *0*

Approved *April 13, 1970*

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the duties of the industrial commissioner.

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

3 Section 1. Section eighty-six point eight (86.8), Code

4 1966, is hereby amended as follows:

5 1. By striking subsection three (3) and inserting in lieu

6 thereof the following:

7 "3. To prepare and publish statistical reports and analyses

8 regarding the cost, occurrence and sources of employment

9 injuries."

10 2. By adding thereto the following new subsection:

11 "6. To provide a seal for the authentication of orders and

12 records and for such other purposes as required."

EXPLANATION OF SENATE FILE 83

Under section 86.24, the Industrial Commissioner reviews decisions of a deputy industrial commissioner or a board of arbitration. It is inconsistent to make it his duty to preside as chairman of boards of arbitration under subsection 3 of section 86.8 and a deputy's duty under section 86.15.

A seal should be authorized for use in certifying orders, decisions and appeals required by the Workmen's Compensation Act.

One of the most common duties of any administrative body, and particularly workmen's compensation agencies, is to study the cost and cause of employment injuries. Requests are constantly received from employers, employees, insurance representatives, doctors and lawyers for statistical information which can be available only through the workmen's compensation agency. The Industrial Commissioner should be authorized to prepare such reports.