

1 Section 1. Section eighty-five point thirty-four (85.34),
2 subsection two (2), paragraph s, Code 1973, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 s. The loss of both arms, or both hands, or both feet,
5 or both legs, or both eyes, or any two thereof, caused by
6 a single accident, shall equal ~~a permanent-total-disability,~~
7 ~~and shall be compensated as such~~ five hundred weeks and shall
8 be compensated as such, however, if said employee is
9 permanently and totally disabled he may be entitled to benefits
10 under subsection three (3) of this section.

11 Sec. 2. Section eighty-five point sixty-one (85.61), Code
12 1973, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

13 NEW SUBSECTION. "Gross earnings" means recurring payments
14 by employer to the employee for employment, before any
15 authorized or lawfully required deduction or withholding of
16 funds by the employer, excluding irregular bonuses, retroactive
17 pay, overtime, penalty pay, reimbursement of expenses, expense
18 allowances, and the employer's contribution for welfare
19 benefits.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill amends two sections in the workmen's compen-
22 sation laws which should have been included in Senate File
23 495 enacted by the 1973 session of the General Assembly.
24 Through inadvertence these sections were not included in the
25 original draft. Section 1 of this Act provides for 500 weeks
26 of benefits and for permanent and total disability, if any,
27 for life. Section 10 of Senate File 495 previously amended
28 subsection 3 of section 85.34 by providing lifetime benefits.

29 Section 2 of this bill provides a definition of gross
30 earnings to complement changes made by Senate File 495 in
31 the manner of computing benefits.