

**Industrial Services, Division of**

*Byron K. Orton, industrial commissioner; 1000 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines 50319; 515/281-5934*

The Workers' Compensation Law was enacted by the 35th General Assembly in 1913. This law provides medical and wage replacement benefits to workers who sustain injuries arising out of their employment. The Workers' Compensation Law is administered by the industrial commissioner. Iowa was one of the first states to provide benefits for injuries, occupational diseases, and occupational hearing losses sustained by workers. Injuries resulting in death, permanent disability or temporary disability must be reported to the commissioner. If an agreement as to compensation cannot be reached, the employee may request a hearing before a deputy commissioner in the judicial district where the injury occurred. Decisions are reviewed by the commissioner and may be appealed to the District Court and the Supreme Court.

**Job Service, Division of**

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The DES director also serves as commissioner of the Job Service Division, administering two bureaus-Field Operations and Job Insurance. The bureau of Field Operations is responsible for job placement and job insurance services in 68 workforce center offices throughout Iowa. These offices match jobseekers with job openings and accept initial claims for job insurance. The workforce centers provide job counseling, job training assistance and special services to veterans, persons with disabilities, youth, older workers, and minority groups.

The Bureau of Job Insurance provides support for claims service in workforce center offices and makes payments to jobless workers who are eligible for benefits under Iowa's job insurance programs. It also collects job insurance taxes, which are paid by Iowa employers, and maintains the Iowa Job Insurance Trust Fund from which benefits are paid.

**Labor Services, Division of**

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Under the direction of the labor commissioner, the Division of Labor Services administers a variety of programs through four bureaus. The Occupational Safety and Health Bureau enforces safety and health rules in workplaces through inspections based on accidents, complaints and programmed inspections. The Occupational Safety and Health Consultation and Education Bureau helps private employers, particularly those with smaller businesses, to maintain a safe workplace by assisting them in understanding and complying with occupational safety and health regulations. The Inspections and Reporting Bureau conducts amusement ride, elevator, and boiler inspections and maintains statistical information of the workers' illnesses and injuries and the division's activities. The Employees Protection Bureau is responsible for enforcing laws related to child labor, Iowa minimum wage, wage payment collection, workplace standards, asbestos removal, contractor registration, and community and emergency response right-to-know and the licensing and regulation of private employment agencies. The labor commissioner licenses and supervises professional boxing and wrestling events. The office of labor commissioner was created by the 20th General Assembly in 1884.

**ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD**

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This state agency administers the Campaign Finance Disclosure Law, the Income Tax Checkoff Act, (both in Chapter 56, *Iowa Code*) and the Iowa Public Officials Act (as applicable to the state executive branch) (in Chapter 68B, *Iowa Code*). Policy is set by the six board members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Iowa Senate, no more than three of which may be of the same party or of the same gender. The executive director and the legal counsel are appointed by the Board

and serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Campaign Finance Disclosure Law was enacted in 1973 and implemented in 1974, originally administered under the agency name "Campaign Finance Disclosure Commission". Under this law, the agency receives, monitors and audits reports of organized committees of state, legislative, county, city and school candidates, political action committees, partisan political committees, county central committee, and state political parties. The reports are available for public viewing and copying at a nominal cost. Cross-checks are made of political committee reports with candidates' reports to assure all contributions are properly reported and that all committees involved in Iowa political financial activity are properly registered. The Board's goal under these provisions is to protect and maintain the public interest in disclosure while striving not to discourage volunteers and others in the Iowa political and governmental process. To that end, the Board seeks to assist and educate persons and groups covered by the disclosure law so that full understanding of deadlines, report requirements and law prohibitions is achieved; to consistently and equitably monitor the timeliness of disclosure reports filed at all levels; to assess and collect civil penalties in accordance with administrative rules; to conduct detailed desk audits of reports with occasional field audits for full compliance; and to investigate and resolve inquires and complaints informally by voluntary compliance or by formal action. The Board is also the Iowa depository for copies of disclosure material required to be filed by federal committees with the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C. These records are also available to the public for viewing and copying at a nominal charge.

Income Tax Checkoff Act was also enacted in 1973 and implemented in 1974 and provides that the agency cooperate with the Department of Revenue to enforce the statute and rules governing the expenditure of income tax checkoff funds by the state political parties. The fund allows any person whose state income tax liability for any taxable year is \$1.50 or more to designate \$1.50 of the tax liability to be paid over to the Iowa election campaign fund for the account of a specified political party or to be split equally between them. In the case of a joint return, \$3.00 may be so designated.

The agency's administration of the Iowa Public Officials Act (also known as the Ethics Law) as it applies to the executive branch of state government began in 1993, at which time the agency name became the "Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board". The agency's responsibilities under the Act include receiving personal financial disclosure reports from covered officials and employees, receiving reports from executive branch lobbyists and their clients, advising persons as to the application of the law to specific conduct, and investigating and prosecuting alleged violations of the Act.

## **FAIR, IOWA STATE**

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