

## CHAPTER 336.

## EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

H. F. 325.

AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in chapter eight-a (8-a), title XII, supplement to the code, 1913, known as the Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation Act, constituting the proper consular officer the legal representative of non-resident alien dependents who are citizens of his nation, authorizing said consular officer or his duly appointed representative to institute and conduct legal proceedings on behalf of such dependents and to receive and distribute compensation due such dependents, and repealing all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, and to provide for administration in certain cases upon the estate of said deceased alien.

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

SECTION 1. Consul as representative of foreign dependents—  
 1 evidence of authority—administration. The law as it appears in  
 2 section twenty-four hundred seventy-seven-m-thirteen (2477-m13),  
 3 of the supplement to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby amended  
 4 by adding thereto at the end thereof and as a new paragraph, the  
 5 following:  
 6 "In case a deceased employe for whose injury or death compensation  
 7 is payable leaves surviving him an alien dependent or dependents  
 8 residing outside the United States, the consul-general, consul, vice-  
 9 consul or consular agent of the nation of which the said dependent  
 10 or dependents are citizens shall be regarded as the exclusive repre-  
 11 sentative of such dependent or dependents. Such consular officer, or  
 12 his duly appointed representative residing in the state of Iowa, shall  
 13 have the exclusive right in behalf of such non-resident dependent or  
 14 dependents to present, prosecute, litigate, adjust and settle all claims  
 15 for compensation provided by this act, and to receive for distribution  
 16 to such dependent or dependents all compensation arising hereunder."  
 17 "Such consular officer or his duly appointed representative shall  
 18 file with the industrial commissioner a copy of his exequatur or evi-  
 19 dence of his authority and the industrial commissioner shall notify  
 20 such consular officer or his said representative of the death of all  
 21 employees leaving alien dependent or dependents residing in the  
 22 country of said consular officer so far as same shall come to his  
 23 knowledge, provided, however, that nothing herein shall abridge the  
 24 right of any relative of such decedent who may reside in the state  
 25 of Iowa to take out administration upon the estate of such decedent,  
 26 and as such receive the funds due said estate; and provided further  
 27 that before said consular agent or his representative shall have the  
 28 right to receive funds due the estate of said decedent he shall regu-  
 29 larly take out administration in the county where said decedent last  
 30 resided, and give bond as administrator for the protection of such  
 31 funds as provided by law."

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