

board of the county of Nicollet, and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved April 25, 1969.

CHAPTER 186—S. F. No. 407

An act relating to workmen's compensation; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 176.101, Subdivision 8.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 176.101, Subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Workmen's compensation; added compensation during retraining.** For any injury producing permanent disability which will prevent the employee from adequately performing the duties of the occupation he held at the time of injury, or any other injury which will or is likely to produce indefinite and continuous disability in excess of 26 weeks, the commission shall require that the injured employee be promptly referred to the division of vocational rehabilitation, department of education, or other public or private, properly accredited agency, to determine if retraining for a new occupation would significantly reduce or remove any reduction in employability caused by the injury. The employer shall pay any usual and reasonable expenses and charges for such evaluation. If the evaluating agency certifies to the commission that a period of retraining will significantly reduce or prevent the decrease in employability resulting from the injury, *and if the workmen's compensation commission determines the retraining is necessary and makes an order for such compensation*, the employer shall pay up to 104 weeks of additional compensation during the actual period of retraining according to the schedule of compensation for temporary total disability. However, the total additional compensation provided by this subdivision shall not be greater than an amount equal to that payable for the injury as compensation for temporary and permanent disability.

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