

CHAPTER 358—H. F. No. 782.

An act to amend Section 8209, General Statutes of 1913, to provide for the payment of total permanent compensation out of a special fund in certain cases.

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

Section 1. **Payments to be made by state under compensation act.**—Section 8209, General Statutes of 1913, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 8209. If any employee receive an injury, which of itself, would only cause permanent partial disability, but which combined with a previous disability does in fact cause permanent total disability, the employer shall only be liable for the permanent partial disability caused by the subsequent injury.

Provided, however, that in addition to compensation for such permanent partial disability and after the cessation of the payments for the prescribed period of weeks, the employee shall be paid by the state the remainder of the compensation that would be due for permanent total disability, out of a special fund created for such purpose in the following manner:

Every employer shall pay to the state treasurer for every case of injury occurring in his employ and causing death in which there are no persons entitled to compensation the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100). The state treasurer shall be the custodian of this special fund and the court having jurisdiction over the compensation settlement shall direct the distribution thereof, the same to be paid as other payments of compensation are paid.

Sec. 2. **Effective July 1, 1919.**—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 1919.

Approved April 22, 1919.

CHAPTER 359—H. F. No. 809.

An act to amend Chapter 416 of the General Laws of 1913, the same being Sections 3892, 3893, 3894 and 3895 of the General Statutes of 1913, so as to require accidents to employees which disable for more than the day, shift or turn on which the injury was incurred to be reported by the employer to the commissioner of labor, providing for information as to dependents in fatal cases, requiring a supplementary report when an accident previously reported results fatally, fixing a period for the filing of settlements and releases, and prescribing a penalty for failure to file the same.

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

Section 1. **Reports of known accidents to be made by employer or foreman—form—settlements—admission to evidence.**—Chapter 416 of the General Laws of 1913, the same being sections 3892, 3893, 3894 and 3895 of the General Statutes of 1913, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 3892. It is hereby made the duty of every employer of labor, engaged in industrial pursuits, to make or cause to be made, report of any accident to an employe, which occurs in the course of his or her employment and which causes death or serious injury, within forty-eight hours of the occurrence of such injury and of all other accidents, which occur to any of its, his or their employes within the scope of their employment, *and of which the employer or his foreman has knowledge*, within fourteen days after the occurrence of such accident. Provided, that such injuries are sufficient to wholly or partially incapacitate the person injured from labor or service for more than *the remainder of the day, shift or turn on which the injury was incurred*, which report shall be made in writing to the commissioner of labor of the state, giving:

- (a) Name, age, sex and occupation of injured person.
- (b) Date on which accident occurred and hour of day.
- (c) Whether person injured could speak English.
- (d) Occupation of employer.
- (e) The cause of injury.
- (f) The nature and extent of the injury and the probable length of disability.
- (g) The name and address of the attending surgeon.
- (h) Wages injured person was earning.
- (i) Length of time in service of employer and length of time at employment at which injured.
- (j) *Dependents or nearest relative, in fatal cases, if known.*

Provided, that accidents required to be reported within forty-eight hours may be reported by telegram, telephone or personal notice. The written report of such accident shall then be made within fourteen days or at such time as the commissioner of labor shall designate. The commissioner of labor may require such supplementary reports on any accident as he deems necessary for the securing of the information required by this law.

Provided, further, that when an accident has been reported which subsequently terminates fatally, a supplementary report shall be filed with the commissioner of labor by the employer within forty-eight hours after he receives knowledge of such death, stating that the injury has proved fatal.

Section 3893. Copies of all settlements made or releases obtained in respect to industrial accidents occurring in the state of Minnesota shall be filed with the labor commissioner *within ten days after such settlements are made and shall become part of the permanent records of the department.*

Section 3894. The failure to make such reports *or file such copies of settlements or releases*, on the part of any person, co-partnership or corporation required hereby to make *or file* the same, within the time herein specified, is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor.

Section 3895. No report herein required to be made nor any part thereof, shall be admitted in evidence or referred to at the trial of any action, or in any judicial proceedings whatsoever, except prosecutions for the violation of this act.

No such report nor any part thereof, nor any copy of the same, nor any part thereof, shall be open to the public, nor shall any of the contents thereof be disclosed in any manner, by any official or clerk or other employe of the state having access thereto, but the same may be used for state investigations and statistics only. Any such disclosure is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor and punishable as such.

Approved April 22, 1919.

CHAPTER 360—H. F. No. 888.

An act relating to taxation in villages and in cities of the fourth class.

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

Section 1. **Fifteen-mill tax levy authorized for certain cities of fourth class.**—Any village or city of the fourth class, whether organized under any general or special statutory law, not operating under a home rule charter, which is limited by law to the levy of a tax for municipal purposes to an amount less than fifteen (15) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the taxable property therein, may by resolution of the village or city council levy a tax for village or city purposes as the case may be, upon all the taxable real and personal property of said village or city to an amount not exceeding fifteen (15) mills on the dollar of the assessed value of the taxable real and personal property therein; provided, however, that the provisions of this act shall not be construed as reducing the amount of taxes which may be levied by any other village or city for all purposes under existing laws.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 22, 1919.

CHAPTER 361—H. F. No. 1017.

An act directing the state auditor to credit payments made upon lands purchased by Hugh D. Campbell, Helen M. Torinus, Martha E. Matthews and Roy F. Curley, in Roseau county, from the state of Minnesota, under a mistake of fact, upon the purchase price of any other lands that may be purchased from the state by the persons above named within two years from the passage of this act; and directing the state auditor to cancel the certificates of such sales.

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

Section 1. **Credits to be made by state auditor for certain purchases.**—The state auditor is hereby directed to credit the