

to examine and investigate existing tuberculosis facilities as may be required to accomplish the purposes set forth in this act. The commission shall select a chairman, vice-chairman, and such other officers and committees from its membership as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. Acceptance of gifts. The commission is empowered to accept gifts or contributions with which to help defray the expenses of the commission. Any offer of gifts or contributions shall be in writing, shall impose no conditions whatsoever upon the commission, and the acceptance of the gift or contribution shall be by majority vote of the commission. All gifts or contributions so made and accepted shall be deposited to the credit of the appropriation provided by this act.

Sec. 6. Expenses. Members of the commission, while serving without pay, shall be allowed and paid their actual traveling and other expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The commission may employ clerical and professional aid and assistance; and may purchase stationery and other supplies, and do all things reasonably necessary and convenient in carrying out the purpose of this act.

Sec. 7. Appropriation. In addition to any gifts or contributions which may be received in accordance with the foregoing section 5, there is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, \$500, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay expenses incurred by the commission. For the payment of such expenses the commission shall draw its warrants upon the state treasurer, which warrants shall be signed by the chairman and at least two other members of the commission and the state auditor shall then approve and the state treasurer pay such warrants as and when presented. A general statement of all receipts and expenditures shall be included with the commission's report.

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CHAPTER 463—S. F. No. 659

An act relating to medical and surgical treatment of injured employees under the workmen's compensation act; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 176.15.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 176.15, is amended to read:

176.15. Treatment accorded injured and disabled employees. The employer shall furnish such medical, surgical, and hospital treatment, including nursing, medicines, medical and surgical supplies, crutches and apparatus, including artificial members, as may reasonably be required at the time of the injury and during the disability, to cure and relieve from the effects of the injury. *The employer shall likewise furnish replacement or repair for artificial members, glasses or spectacles, artificial eyes, dental bridge work, dentures or artificial teeth, hearing aids, canes, crutches or wheel chairs, damaged by reason of an accident arising out of and in the course of the employment.* In case of his inability or refusal seasonably to do so the employer shall be liable for the reasonable expense incurred by or on behalf of the employee in providing the same. Upon request, by the employee, the industrial commission may require the above treatment, articles, and supplies for such further time as it may determine, and a copy of such order shall be forthwith mailed to the parties in interest. Any party in interest, within ten days from the date of mailing, may demand a hearing and review of such order.

The commission may at any time, upon the request of an employee or employer, order a change of physicians and designate a physician suggested by the injured employee or by the commission itself, and in such case the expense thereof shall be borne by the employer upon the same terms and conditions as hereinbefore provided in this section for medical and surgical treatment and attendance.

The pecuniary liability of the employer for the treatment, articles and supplies herein required shall be limited to such charges therefor as prevail in the same community for similar treatment, articles and supplies furnished to injured persons of a like standard of living, when the same are paid for by the injured persons. The commission may on the basis above stated determine the reasonable value of all such service and supplies, and the liability of the employer shall be limited to the amount so determined.

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