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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 177.03, is amended to read:

177.03 MINIMUM WAGES; INVESTIGATION, WAGES OF EMPLOYEES. The department may at its discretion investigate the wages paid to women and minors employees in any occupation in this state. At the request of not less than 100 persons engaged in any occupation in which women and minors are employed, the department-shall forthwith make such investigation as herein provided.

Approved May 18, 1971.

CHAPTER 383—H.F.No.1652

[Coded]

An act relating to workmen's compensation; providing supplementary benefits in certain cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 176, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 176, is amended by adding a section to read:

[176.132] WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION; SUPPLEMENTA-RY BENEFITS. <u>Subdivision 1.</u> ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS. <u>An employee who has suffered personal injury for which benefits are payable under section 176.101 and who has been totally and continuously disabled for more than 104 weeks shall be eligible for supplementary benefits as hereinafter prescribed after 104 weeks have elapsed and for the remainder of his continuous total disablement.</u>

<u>Subd. 2.</u> AMOUNT. (a) The supplementary benefit payable under this section shall be the difference between the amount the employee receives after the effective date of this act under section 176.101, subdivision 1 or subdivision 4, and \$60 per week.

(b) In the event an eligible recipient is currently receiving no compensation or is receiving a reduced level of compensation because of a credit being applied as the result of a third party liability or damages, the employer or insurer shall compute the offset credit as if the individual were entitled to the actual benefit or \$60 a week, whichever is greater. If this results in the use of a higher credit

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than otherwise would have been applied and the employer or insurer becomes liable for compensation benefits which would otherwise not have been paid, the additional benefits resulting shall be handled according to this section.

(c) In the event an eligible recipient is receiving no compensation or is receiving a reduced level of compensation because of a valid agreement in settlement of a claim, no supplementary benefit shall be payable under this section.

(d) In the event an eligible recipient is receiving no compensation or is receiving a reduced level of compensation because of prior limitations in the maximum amount payable for permanent total disability or because of reductions resulting from the simultaneous receipt of old age or disability benefits, the supplementary benefit shall be payable for the difference between the actual amount of compensation currently being paid and \$60 per week.

<u>Subd. 3.</u> PAYMENT. The payment of supplementary benefits shall be the responsibility of the employer or insurer currently paying total disability benefits, or any other payer of such benefits. When the eligible individual is not currently receiving benefits because the total paid has reached the maximum prescribed by law prior to the effective date of this act, then supplementary benefits will be paid directly to the individual by the administrators of the special compensation fund. The employer or insurer paying the supplementary benefit shall have the right of full reimbursement from the special compensation fund for the amount of such benefits paid.

<u>Subd. 4.</u> ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES. <u>The commission</u> <u>shall prescribe such forms and procedures as are required for the</u> <u>administration of this section.</u>

Sec. 2. This act shall be effective January 1, 1972.

Approved May 18, 1971.

CHAPTER 384-H.F.No.2189

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the county of Carver to establish subordinate service areas in order to provide and finance governmental services.

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

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