

CHAPTER 242—S. F. No. 631.

An act relating to claims of employes of the highway department for compensation under Chapter 82, Laws of Minnesota for 1921, commonly known as the Workmen's Compensation Act, and to provide for payment of such claims.

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

Section 1. Workmen's compensation for employes of highway department.—The Commissioner of Highways shall report to the Industrial Commission of Minnesota any accident which may occur to any person in the employ of the highway department in the same manner and upon the same conditions as is prescribed in Section 32 of Chapter 82, Laws of 1921, relating to reports of employers, except that such report shall not be required to contain any statement in relation to liability to pay compensation as is required in cases of other employers.

Sec. 2. Duties and powers of industrial commission.—The Industrial Commission of Minnesota shall be vested with the same powers and duties with reference to claims for compensation or other benefits of any employe of the Highway Department as in cases of employes of any other employer, and the same procedure shall be used in determining any such liability as in other cases of liability under the Workmen's Compensation Laws of this State, except as in this Act otherwise provided.

Sec. 3. Same—Report of commission.—Upon the filing of any such report, or upon information received by the Industrial Commission of any injury for which liability for compensation from the Highway Department may arise, it shall be the duty of the Industrial Commission to make a preliminary investigation to determine whether there is a probable liability for compensation to such injured person. The Industrial Commission may require the assistance of the Highway Department or any of the employes thereof in making such investigation, and shall be furnished with all facts which may appear in the records of such Highway Department bearing upon facts relating to such employe or such accident or injury. The Industrial Commission shall thereupon make Findings of Fact indicated by such preliminary investigation, and the award or other determination which the Commission may determine should be made with reference to the liability for compensation, and a copy of such Findings of Fact and proposed award or other determination shall be furnished to such injured person, the Commissioner of Highways and the Attorney General by mailing a copy to each thereof. Within ten days after the mailing of such Findings of Fact and proposed award or other determination, or such further time as the Industrial Commission may fix, the injured person, Commissioner of Highways or the Attorney General may file with the Industrial Commission an objection to such proposed award or other deter-

mination. If such objection is filed, the Industrial Commission shall reconsider such proposed award or determination and may set aside or correct any such findings, award or other determination made as aforesaid without formal hearing. In the event that an award or other determination cannot be made in conformity with the performance of the Workmen's Compensation Law and the approval of the injured person or other persons filing such objections, without formal hearing as aforesaid, the said matter shall be set down for a formal hearing and determination by the Commission as in other contested cases. If no such objections are filed as provided herein, such proposed Findings and Award or other determination that the Commission may make upon such preliminary investigation or reconsideration aforesaid, shall be final, subject to the right of the Commission to reopen or modify as provided in the Compensation Laws with reference to other awards or determinations of compensation claims.

Sec. 4. Rate of compensation.—All compensation or other benefits due to employes of the Highway Department as the same may be determined by the Industrial Commission shall be paid pursuant to the Workmen's Compensation Laws of this state and the award or determination that the Industrial Commission may make, out of the part of the trunk highway fund apportioned to the department in which the employee was engaged at the time of the accident. Provided also that the same receipts for payment of compensation and reports as are required to be filed with the Industrial Commission showing payment of compensation in other cases shall be taken for such payments by the Highway Department and filed with the Industrial Commission.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 12, 1923.

CHAPTER 243—S. F. No. 700.

An act to amend Section 6, Chapter 424, Laws 1921, relating to the board of examiners of barbers.

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

Section 1. Compensation of board of examiners of barbers.—That section 6, chapter 424, Laws 1921, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 2. Each member of said board shall receive a compensation of not to exceed *Seven Dollars* (\$7.00) per day for actual service rendered in attending meetings of the board or in inspecting barber shops, and each member, including the secretary, shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in attending meetings of the board, inspecting barber shops,