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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 318

AN ACT Relating to Specific Periods of Total Incapacity for Certain Injuries under Workmen's Compensation Law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 39, § 56, amended. The 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 17th paragraphs of section 56 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

For the loss of a hand, ~~150~~ 16½ weeks.

For the loss of an arm, or any part thereof above the wrist, ~~175~~ 200 weeks.

For the loss of a foot, ~~150~~ 165 weeks.

For the loss of a leg, or any part thereof above the ankle, ~~175~~ 200 weeks.

For the total and permanent loss of hearing in both ears, ~~100~~ 200 weeks.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 39, § 56, amended. Section 56 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding after the 15th paragraph a new paragraph to read as follows:

For the loss of both eyes, or the reduction of the sight of both eyes, with glasses, to 1/10 of the normal vision, or for diplopia, 300 weeks.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 39, § 193, sub-§ 4, amended. The first sentence of subsection 4 of section 193 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 6 of chapter 374 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

There shall be payable as permanent partial disability for total occupational deafness of one ear 50 weeks of compensation, for total occupational deafness of both ears, ~~100~~ 200 weeks of compensation, and for partial occupational deafness in one or both ears, compensation shall be paid for such periods as are proportionate to the relation which the hearing loss bears to the amount provided in this subsection for total loss of hearing in one or both ears, as the case may be.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 319

AN ACT Relating to Testimony and Proceedings before the Industrial Accident Commission.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 39, § 93, sub-§ 3, amended. Subsection 3 of section 93 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 386 of the public

laws of 1969, is amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read as follows:

Signed statements by a medical doctor or osteopathic physician relating to medical questions shall be admissible in workmen's compensation hearings before the Industrial Accident Commission providing that notice of such testimony to be used is given and service of a copy of the letter or report is made on the opposing counsel 14 days before the scheduled hearing to enable such counsel to depose or subpoena and cross-examine such doctor or physician if he so chooses.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 320

AN ACT Relating to Total Incapacity Resulting from Second Injuries under Workmen's Compensation Law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 39, § 57, amended. The first sentence of the first paragraph of section 57 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

If an employee who has previously ~~lost, or lost the use of, one hand, one arm, one foot, one leg or one eye, becomes permanently and totally incapacitated through the loss or loss of use of another member or organ~~ incurred a permanent incapacity by accidental injury, disease or congenital causes, sustains an industrial injury which in combination with the earlier preexisting impairment, shall result in total and permanent impairment, the employer shall be liable only for the compensation payable for such second injury.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 39, § 57, amended. The last paragraph of section 57 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 90 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

In every case of the death of an employee under this Act where there is no person entitled to compensation, the employer shall pay to the Industrial Accident Commission the sum of ~~\$1,000~~ \$1,500, to be deposited with the Treasurer of State for the benefit of said fund, and the commission shall direct the distribution thereof.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 321

AN ACT Amending Fees Charged by Registers of Deeds.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 33, § 751, repealed and replaced. Section 751 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 265 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: