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CHAPTER 280

AN ACT to amend 102.11 (1) (intro. par.), 102.48 (1), 102.555 (4) (intro. par.) and 102.56 of the statutes, relating to method of computing earnings, death benefits to surviving parents, and compensation for occupational deafness and disfigurement under the workmen's compensation act.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 102.11 (1) (intro. par.) of the statutes is amended to read:

102.11 (1) (intro. par.) The average weekly earnings for temporary disability shall be taken at not less than \$12.50 nor more than \* \* \* \$77.14; for permanent total disability or death at not less than \$20 nor more than \* \* \* \$77.14; and for permanent partial disability at not less than \$20 nor more than \* \* \* \$57.14. Between said limits the average weekly earnings shall be determined as follows:

SECTION 2. 102.48 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

102.48 (1) An unestranged surviving parent or parents, residing within any of the states or District of Columbia or any of the territorial possessions of the United States, shall receive a death benefit of \$2,000. If the parents are not living together, the commission shall divide this sum in such proportion as it \* \* \* determines to be just, considering their ages and other facts bearing on dependency.

SECTION 3. 102.555 (4) (intro. par.) of the statutes is amended to read:

102.555 (4) (intro. par.) Subject to the limitations herein contained and the provisions of s. 102.53 (2) there shall be payable for total occupational deafness of one ear, 36 weeks of compensation; for total occupational deafness of both ears, \* \* \* 216 weeks of compensation; and for partial occupational deafness, compensation shall bear such relation to that named herein as disabilities bear to the maximum disabilities herein provided. In cases covered by this subsection "time of injury," "occurrence of injury," or "date of injury" shall be exclusively the date of occurrence of any of the following events to an employe:

SECTION 4. 102.56 of the statutes is amended to read:

102.56 If an employe is so permanently disfigured about the face, head, neck, hand or arm as to occasion *potential* loss of wage, the commission may allow such sum for compensation on account thereof, as it \* \* \* deems just, not exceeding his average annual earnings as defined in s. 102.11.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1959.

SECTION 6. This bill is declared to be an emergency executive budget bill in accordance with the provisions of s. 15.11 (2).

Approved July 31, 1959.

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