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CHAPTER 241.

AN ACT to create section 56.21 and to amend subsection (8) of section 20.57 of the statutes, relating to compensation to inmates of state institutions injured in the performance of work in such institutions, and making an appropriation.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: 56.21 (1) If an inmate of a state institution shall in the performance of his work in connection with the maintenance of such institution, or of any industry maintained therein, be injured in such a way as to permanently incapacitate such inmate or materially reduce his earning power, he may, upon his discharge from such institution, be allowed and paid such compensation therefor as he shall be found entitled to by the industrial commission. Such loss shall be compensated for on the same basis as though such injury had been covered by the workmen's compensation act, except that the total of the sum paid to any such inmate shall not exceed one thousand dollars, and such sum may be paid to such inmate in partial payments.

(2) In the case of penal institutions, where injury results from employment in a prison industry, such payment shall be made from the revolving appropriation for the operation of such industry.

SECTION 2. Subsection (8) of section 20.57 of the statutes is amended to read: (20.57) (8) Annually, such sums as may be necessary, for compensation of persons injured while in the state service, as provided in sections 102.01 to 102.34 and for compensation to inmates of state institutions injured in the performance of work in such institutions, except persons injured in prison industries, as provided in section 56.21.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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