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Social Security.

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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend Chapter eighty-five (85), Code 1946, relating to workmen's compensation; to increase the maximum weekly benefit amount; to increase allowance for certain professional, hospital and nursing services; and to authorize waivers by certain disabled persons under certain conditions.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section eighty-five point twenty-seven (85.27),
2 Code 1946, is hereby amended by changing the period (.)
3 to a comma (,) at the end of the first paragraph of
4 said section and adding immediately thereafter the
5 following:
6 "excluding therefrom all reasonable charges
7 for necessary services of special nurses,
8 which shall be paid in full."

1 Sec. 2. Section eighty-five point thirty-seven (85.37),
2 Code 1946, is hereby amended by striking from line eight
3 (8) the word "eighteen" and inserting in lieu thereof
4 the word "twenty".

1 Sec. 3. Section eighty-five point fifty-five (85.55),
2 Code 1946, is hereby amended by adding thereto the

3 following:
4 “However, any person who has some physical
5 defect which increases the risk of injury,
6 may, subject to the approval of the Industrial
7 Commissioner, enter into a written agreement
8 with his employer waiving compensation for
9 injuries which may occur directly or indirectly
10 because of such physical defect.”

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 106

The Fifty-first General Assembly increased the maximum weekly benefit amount from \$15 to \$18. This bill increases that maximum amount to \$20 per week.

There has been some difficulty experienced in securing special nurses in compensation cases because of the limitations upon the total amount for professional, hospital and nursing services. This bill amends that provision so as to provide for the payment of special nurses in addition to the maximum now stated in the law for professional and hospital services.

Certain disabled persons are unable to secure employment because of the increased risk due to their disability, but they are able to engage in many employments where their disability does not impair their efficiency. In order to afford these disabled persons an opportunity to secure employment it is provided in the bill that they may sign waivers of compensation payments under certain circumstances and subject to the approval of the Industrial Commissioner. It is expected that the Industrial Commissioner will protect employees against unreasonable demands for waivers.