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Social Security.

House File 264

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Passed House, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act, to amend sections eighty-five point thirty-four (85.34),
eighty-five point thirty-five (85.35) and eighty-five point
thirty-seven (85.37), Code 1950, relating to workmen's
compensation so as to increase benefit payments for permanent
total disability, for permanent partial disability, and so
as to increase the weekly compensation amount.

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

1 Section 1. Section eighty-five point thirty-four (85.34), Code
2 1950, is hereby amended by striking from line five (5) thereof
3 the word "four" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "five".

1 Sec. 2 Section eighty-five point thirty-five (85.35), Code
2 1950, is hereby amended by striking all thereof after line eight
3 (8) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 "1. For the loss of a thumb, weekly compensation during
5 sixty weeks.

6 2. For the loss of a first finger, commonly called the
7 index finger, weekly compensation during thirty-five weeks.

8 3. For the loss of a second finger, weekly compensation
9 during thirty weeks.

- 10 4. For the loss of a third finger, weekly compensation
11 during twenty-five weeks.
- 12 5. For the loss of a fourth finger, commonly called the
13 little finger, weekly compensation during twenty weeks.
- 14 6. The loss of the first or distal phalange of the thumb
15 or of any finger shall equal the loss of one-half of such thumb
16 or finger and compensation shall be one-half of the time for the
17 loss of such thumb or finger.
- 18 7. The loss of more than one phalange shall equal the
19 loss of the entire finger or thumb.
- 20 8. For the loss of a great toe, weekly compensation
21 during thirty weeks.
- 22 9. For the loss of one of the toes other than the great
23 toe, weekly compensation during fifteen weeks.
- 24 10. The loss of the first phalange of any toe shall equal
25 the loss of one-half of such toe and the compensation shall be
26 one-half of the time provided for the loss of such toe.
- 27 11. The loss of more than one phalange shall equal the
28 loss of the entire toe.
- 29 12. For the loss of a hand, weekly compensation during
30 one hundred seventy-five weeks.
- 31 13. The loss of two-thirds of that part of an arm between
32 the shoulder joint and the elbow joint shall equal the loss of an
33 arm and the compensation therefor shall be weekly compensation
34 during two hundred thirty weeks.
- 35 14. For the loss of a foot, weekly compensation during

36 one hundred fifty weeks.

37 15. The loss of two-thirds of that part of a leg between
38 the hip joint and the knee joint shall equal the loss of a leg,
39 and the compensation therefor shall be weekly compensation during
40 two hundred weeks.

41 16. For the loss of an eye, weekly compensation during
42 one hundred twenty-five weeks.

43 17. For the loss of an eye, the other eye having been lost
44 prior to the injury, weekly compensation during two hundred
45 weeks.

46 18. For the loss of hearing in one ear, weekly compensation
47 during fifty weeks, and for the loss of hearing in both ears,
48 weekly compensation during one hundred seventy-five weeks.

49 19. The loss of both arms, or both hands, or both feet,
50 or both legs, or both eyes, or of any two thereof, caused by
51 a single accident, shall equal a permanent total disability, to
52 be compensated as such.

53 20. In all other cases of permanent partial disability,
54 the compensation shall bear such relation to the periods of
55 compensation stated in the above schedule as the disability bears
56 to those produced by the injuries named in the schedule.”

1 Sec. 3. Section eighty-five point thirty-seven (85.37),
2 Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking from line six (6)
3 thereof the word “sixty” and inserting in lieu thereof the words
4 “sixty-six and two-thirds”; and also by striking from line eight

- 5 (8) the word "twenty-four" and inserting in lieu thereof the
6 word "twenty-six".

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 264

This bill increases the benefit compensation payments for permanent total disability, so that weekly payments therefor will be for five hundred weeks instead of four hundred weeks as at present, and for the various partial permanent disabilities in most instances by a considerable amount. The increases place the Iowa benefit payments in substantially an average position with other comparable states. The bill also increases the maximum weekly benefit payment from \$24 to \$26. This is comparable to the rate in other states similarly situated. The cost of compensation insurance is paid entirely by the employer.