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The Blind Workmen's Compensation Act

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FOR HISTORICAL REFERENCE ONLY

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CHAPTER 257

An Act to provide for Compensation to Blind Workmen for Injuries sustained in the Course of their Employment

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Blind Workmen's Compensation Act*.

R.S.S. 1953, c.257, s.1.

Interpretation

2 In this Act:

“blind workman”

1 “**blind workman**” means a workman as defined by *The Workmen's Compensation (Accident Fund) Act* or *The Workmen's Compensation Act*, as the case may require, possessing a central visual acuity in his better eye reading 6-60 or 20-200 or less;

“board”

2 “**board**” means the Workmen's Compensation Board constituted by *The Workmen's Compensation (Accident Fund) Act*;

“department”

3 “**department**” means the Department of Labour;

“employer”

4 “**employer**” means an employer as defined by *The Workmen's Compensation (Accident Fund) Act* or *The Workmen's Compensation Act*, as the case may require, who has in his employ a blind workman;

“federation”

5 “**federation**” means the Canadian Federation of the Blind;

“full cost of compensation”

6 “**full cost of compensation**” means:

(a) compensation, burial expenses, the cost of furnishing medical aid and all other amounts payable under Part I of *The Workmen's Compensation (Accident Fund) Act* by reason of a blind workman meeting with an accident for which he would be entitled to compensation under the said Act; or

(b) compensation to which a blind workman is entitled under *The Workmen's Compensation Act*;

and includes the capitalized sum or present value of the sum required, as determined by the board, to provide for future payments of compensation to the blind workman or his dependants;

“institute”

7 “**institute**” means the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

1945, c.105, s.2; 1947, c.100, s.2; R.S.S. 1953, c.257, s.2.

Reimbursement to employers

3 Where the full cost of compensation exceeds \$50, the department shall in cases arising under *The Workmen's Compensation (Accident Fund) Act* pay the amount by which the full cost of compensation exceeds \$50 to the board by way of reimbursement to the accident fund as defined by that Act, and in cases arising under *The Workmen's Compensation Act* shall pay the said amount to the employer, upon receipt from the board of a certificate of the full cost of compensation, which certificate may be accepted by the department without further proof.

1945, c.105, s.3; R.S.S. 1953, c.257, s.3.

Prior awards

4 In making any award to a blind workman for injury by accident under *The Workmen's Compensation (Accident Fund) Act*, the board may have regard to any previous awards made to him for injury under the said Act.

1945, c.105, s.4; R.S.S. 1953, c.257, s.4.

Assessments

5 The assessment on an employer to be levied by the board on the wages of a blind workman may be fixed by the board at such amount as may be deemed fair, having regard to *The Workmen's Compensation (Accident Fund) Act*.

1945, c.105, s.5; R.S.S. 1953, c.257, s.5.

Expenditures

6 Moneys required to meet expenditures authorized by this Act, and the expenses of members of the board in attending meetings for the purpose of dealing with cases arising under *The Workmen's Compensation Act*, shall be paid out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of this Act.

1945, c.105, s.6; R.S.S. 1953, c.257, s.6.

Proper placement of blind workman

7(1) Subject to subsection (2), the nature of the work which a blind workman may be required by his employer to do and the proper placement of such workman may be determined either by the institute or the federation.

(2) Upon the recommendation of the board, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may designate any other organization or institution to exercise the powers and perform the duties assigned by this Act to the institute and the federation, either in place of the institute or the federation or in place of both, and thereupon the provisions of this Act shall be read as though the name of the designated organization or institution were substituted for the institute or the federation, or for both, as the case may require.

1947, c.100, s.3; R.S.S. 1953, c.257, s.7.

Rights waived in case of improper placement

8 Any employer giving employment to a blind workman without the consent or approval of the institute or federation or changing the nature of such employment once approved without the consent or approval of the institute or federation, whichever gave consent or approval in the first instance, shall be deemed to have waived all right to the benefit of this Act with respect to injury to such blind workman.

1947, c.100, s.3; R.S.S. 1953, c.257, s.8.

Access to place of employment

9 In any case where a blind workman is employed with employment the consent or approval of the institute, officers of the institute shall, and in any case where a blind workman is employed with the consent or approval of the federation, officers of the federation shall, with the knowledge and consent of the superintendent or foreman, have access at all times to the place of employment of such blind workman.

1947, c.100, s.3; R.S.S. 1953, c.257, s.9.

Certificates and other material

10 The institute and federation shall provide the board, upon request, with all such certificates and other material as may be required by it in the fulfilment of its duties.

1945, c.105, s.10; 1947, c.100, s.4; R.S.S. 1953, c.257, s.10.

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