

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1941

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SENATE BILL No. 100

(By Mr. Wylie)

PASSED March 5 1941

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article four, chapter twenty-three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as last amended by chapter one hundred four, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven, relating to the payment by the state compensation commissioner of sums for medicine, hospital treatment, artificial limbs and other mechanical appliances.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section three, article four, chapter twenty-three of the code of West Virginia be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 3. The commissioner shall disburse and pay
2 from the fund for such personal injuries to such employees
3 as may be entitled thereto hereunder as follows:

4 (a) Such sums for medicine, medical, surgical, dental,
5 hospital treatment, crutches, artificial limbs and such
6 other and additional approved mechanical appliances as
7 may be reasonably required, not however, in any case
8 to exceed the sum of eight hundred dollars;

9 (b) Payment for such medicine, medical, surgical,
10 dental, hospital treatment, crutches, artificial limbs and
11 such other and additional approved mechanical appliances
12 authorized under subdivision (a) hereof may be made
13 to the injured employee, or to the person or persons who
14 have furnished such service, or who have advanced pay-
15 ment for same, as the commissioner may deem proper,
16 but no such payments or disbursements shall be made or
17 awarded by the commissioner unless duly verified state-
18 ments on forms prescribed by the commissioner, shall be
19 filed with the commissioner within three months from
20 the time such services or appliances were authorized by
21 the commissioner;

22 (c) No employer shall enter into any contract with
23 any hospital, its physicians, officers, agents or employees,
24 to render medical, dental or hospital service or to give
25 medical or surgical attention therein to any employee for
26 accidental injury compensable within the purview of
27 this act, and no employer shall permit or require any em-
28 ployee to contribute, directly or indirectly, to any fund
29 for the payment of such medical, surgical, dental or hos-
30 pital service within such hospital for such accidental com-
31 pensable injury. Any employer violating this section
32 shall be liable in damages to his or its employee, and
33 shall not avail himself of any of the common law defenses
34 mentioned in section eight, article two of this chapter,
35 and any employer or hospital or agent or employee thereof
36 violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of
37 a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be
38 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars
39 or to undergo imprisonment not exceeding one year, or
40 both.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Originated in the Senate

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The within approved this the 14

day of March, 1941.

Matthew M. Neely

Governor.



Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia. **MAR 17 1941**

Wm. S. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State