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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

820 ILCS 305/8	from Ch. 48, par. 138.8
820 ILCS 305/11	from Ch. 48, par. 138.11

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that permanent partial or total disability shall be certified by a physician and demonstrated by use of medically defined objective measurements, that subjective complaints shall not be considered unless supported by and clearly related to objective measurements, and that a specified publication shall be applied in determining the level of disability. Provides that temporary total disability payments shall not exceed 104 weeks if the injured employee's medical impairment rating determined as a percentage of the whole person is less than 70%. Provides that no compensation is payable if an injury was caused primarily by the intoxication of the employee or caused by the influence of alcohol or certain drugs that affected the employee to such an extent that the intoxication constituted a departure from employment, and includes provisions regarding evidence, presumptions, and other matters. Makes other changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning employment.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Workers' Compensation Act is amended by 5 changing Sections 8 and 11 as follows:

6 (820 ILCS 305/8) (from Ch. 48, par. 138.8)

Sec. 8. The amount of compensation which shall be paid to the employee for an accidental injury not resulting in death is:

(a) The employer shall provide and pay the negotiated rate, 10 if applicable, or the lesser of the health care provider's 11 actual charges or according to a fee schedule, subject to 12 Section 8.2, in effect at the time the service was rendered for 13 14 all the necessary first aid, medical and surgical services, and necessary medical, surgical and hospital 15 all services 16 thereafter incurred, limited, however, to that which is 17 reasonably required to cure or relieve from the effects of the accidental injury. If the employer does not dispute payment of 18 19 first aid, medical, surgical, and hospital services, the 20 employer shall make such payment to the provider on behalf of 21 the employee. The employer shall also pay for treatment, 22 instruction and training necessary for the physical, mental and vocational rehabilitation of the employee, including all 23

1 maintenance costs and expenses incidental thereto. If as a 2 result of the injury the employee is unable to be 3 self-sufficient the employer shall further pay for such 4 maintenance or institutional care as shall be required.

5 The employee may at any time elect to secure his own 6 physician, surgeon and hospital services at the employer's 7 expense, or,

8 Upon agreement between the employer and the employees, or 9 the employees' exclusive representative, and subject to the 10 approval of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, the 11 employer shall maintain a list of physicians, to be known as a 12 Panel of Physicians, who are accessible to the employees. The 13 employer shall post this list in a place or places easily 14 accessible to his employees. The employee shall have the right 15 to make an alternative choice of physician from such Panel if 16 he is not satisfied with the physician first selected. If, due 17 to the nature of the injury or its occurrence away from the employer's place of business, the employee is unable to make a 18 selection from the Panel, the selection process from the Panel 19 20 shall not apply. The physician selected from the Panel may arrange for any consultation, referral or other specialized 21 22 medical services outside the Panel at the employer's expense. 23 Provided that, in the event the Commission shall find that a doctor selected by the employee is rendering improper or 24 25 inadequate care, the Commission may order the employee to 26 select another doctor certified or qualified in the medical

1 field for which treatment is required. If the employee refuses 2 to make such change the Commission may relieve the employer of 3 his obligation to pay the doctor's charges from the date of 4 refusal to the date of compliance.

5 Any vocational rehabilitation counselors who provide service under this Act shall have appropriate certifications 6 which designate the counselor as qualified to render opinions 7 8 relating to vocational rehabilitation. Vocational 9 rehabilitation may include, but is not limited to, counseling 10 for job searches, supervising a job search program, and 11 vocational retraining including education at an accredited 12 learning institution. The employee or employer may petition to 13 the Commission to decide disputes relating to vocational rehabilitation and the Commission shall resolve any such 14 dispute, including payment of the vocational rehabilitation 15 16 program by the employer.

17 The maintenance benefit shall not be less than the 18 temporary total disability rate determined for the employee. In 19 addition, maintenance shall include costs and expenses 20 incidental to the vocational rehabilitation program.

21 When the employee is working light duty on a part-time 22 basis or full-time basis and earns less than he or she would be 23 earning if employed in the full capacity of the job or jobs, 24 then the employee shall be entitled to temporary partial 25 disability benefits. Temporary partial disability benefits 26 shall be equal to two-thirds of the difference between the

average amount that the employee would be able to earn in the full performance of his or her duties in the occupation in which he or she was engaged at the time of accident and the net amount which he or she is earning in the modified job provided to the employee by the employer or in any other job that the employee is working.

7 Every hospital, physician, surgeon or other person 8 treatment or services in accordance with rendering the 9 provisions of this Section shall upon written request furnish 10 full and complete reports thereof to, and permit their records 11 to be copied by, the employer, the employee or his dependents, 12 as the case may be, or any other party to any proceeding for 13 compensation before the Commission, or their attorneys.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the employer's liability to pay for such medical services selected by the employee shall be limited to:

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(1) all first aid and emergency treatment; plus

(2) all medical, surgical and hospital services
provided by the physician, surgeon or hospital initially
chosen by the employee or by any other physician,
consultant, expert, institution or other provider of
services recommended by said initial service provider or
any subsequent provider of medical services in the chain of
referrals from said initial service provider; plus

(3) all medical, surgical and hospital services
 provided by any second physician, surgeon or hospital

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subsequently chosen by the employee or by any other 1 2 expert, institution physician, consultant, or other 3 provider of services recommended by said second service provider or any subsequent provider of medical services in 4 5 the chain of referrals from said second service provider. Thereafter the employer shall select and pay for all 6 necessary medical, surgical and hospital treatment and the 7 8 employee may not select a provider of medical services at 9 the employer's expense unless the employer agrees to such 10 selection. At any time the employee may obtain any medical 11 treatment he desires at his own expense. This paragraph 12 shall not affect the duty to pay for rehabilitation 13 referred to above.

When an employer and employee so agree in writing, nothing 14 15 in this Act prevents an employee whose injury or disability has 16 been established under this Act, from relying in good faith, on 17 treatment by prayer or spiritual means alone, in accordance with the tenets and practice of a recognized church or 18 religious denomination, by a duly accredited practitioner 19 20 thereof, and having nursing services appropriate therewith, without suffering loss or diminution of the compensation 21 22 benefits under this Act. However, the employee shall submit to 23 all physical examinations required by this Act. The cost of such treatment and nursing care shall be paid by the employee 24 25 unless the employer agrees to make such payment.

26 Where the accidental injury results in the amputation of an

arm, hand, leg or foot, or the enucleation of an eye, or the 1 2 loss of any of the natural teeth, the employer shall furnish an artificial of any such members lost or damaged in accidental 3 injury arising out of and in the course of employment, and 4 5 shall also furnish the necessary braces in all proper and 6 necessary cases. In cases of the loss of a member or members by 7 amputation, the employer shall, whenever necessary, maintain 8 in good repair, refit or replace the artificial limbs during 9 the lifetime of the employee. Where the accidental injury 10 accompanied by physical injury results in damage to a denture, 11 eye glasses or contact eye lenses, or where the accidental 12 injury results in damage to an artificial member, the employer 13 shall replace or repair such denture, glasses, lenses, or artificial member. 14

The furnishing by the employer of any such services or appliances is not an admission of liability on the part of the employer to pay compensation.

18 The furnishing of any such services or appliances or the 19 servicing thereof by the employer is not the payment of 20 compensation.

(b) If the period of temporary total incapacity for work lasts more than 3 working days, weekly compensation as hereinafter provided shall be paid beginning on the 4th day of such temporary total incapacity and continuing as long as the total temporary incapacity lasts. In cases where the temporary total incapacity for work continues for a period of 14 days or

1 more from the day of the accident compensation shall commence
2 on the day after the accident.

3 1. The compensation rate for temporary total incapacity under this paragraph (b) of this Section shall 4 5 be equal to 66 2/3% of the employee's average weekly wage computed in accordance with Section 10, provided that it 6 7 shall be not less than $66 \ 2/3\%$ of the sum of the Federal 8 minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act, or the 9 Illinois minimum wage under the Minimum Wage Law, whichever 10 is more, multiplied by 40 hours. This percentage rate shall 11 be increased by 10% for each spouse and child, not to 12 exceed 100% of the total minimum wage calculation, nor exceed the employee's average weekly wage computed in 13 14 accordance with the provisions of Section 10, whichever is 15 less.

16 2. The compensation rate in all cases other than for 17 temporary total disability under this paragraph (b), and other than for serious and permanent disfigurement under 18 19 paragraph (C) and other than for permanent partial 20 disability under subparagraph (2) of paragraph (d) or under 21 paragraph (e), of this Section shall be equal to 66 2/3% of 22 the employee's average weekly wage computed in accordance 23 with the provisions of Section 10, provided that it shall 24 be not less than 66 2/3% of the sum of the Federal minimum 25 wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act, or the Illinois 26 minimum wage under the Minimum Wage Law, whichever is more,

1 multiplied by 40 hours. This percentage rate shall be 2 increased by 10% for each spouse and child, not to exceed 3 100% of the total minimum wage calculation,

nor exceed the employee's average weekly wage computed in
accordance with the provisions of Section 10, whichever is
less.

7 2.1. The compensation rate in all cases of serious and 8 permanent disfigurement under paragraph (c) and of 9 permanent partial disability under subparagraph (2) of 10 paragraph (d) or under paragraph (e) of this Section shall 11 be equal to 60% of the employee's average weekly wage 12 computed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10, 13 provided that it shall be not less than 66 2/3% of the sum 14 of the Federal minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards 15 Act, or the Illinois minimum wage under the Minimum Wage 16 Law, whichever is more, multiplied by 40 hours. This 17 percentage rate shall be increased by 10% for each spouse and child, not to exceed 100% of the total minimum wage 18 19 calculation.

20 nor exceed the employee's average weekly wage computed in 21 accordance with the provisions of Section 10, whichever is 22 less.

3. As used in this Section the term "child" means a child of the employee including any child legally adopted before the accident or whom at the time of the accident the employee was under legal obligation to support or to whom

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the employee stood in loco parentis, and who at the time of the accident was under 18 years of age and not emancipated. The term "children" means the plural of "child".

4. All weekly compensation rates provided under subparagraphs 1, 2 and 2.1 of this paragraph (b) of this Section shall be subject to the following limitations:

7 The maximum weekly compensation rate from July 1, 1975, 8 except as hereinafter provided, shall be 100% of the 9 State's average weekly wage in covered industries under the 10 Unemployment Insurance Act, that being the wage that most 11 closely approximates the State's average weekly wage.

12 The maximum weekly compensation rate, for the period July 1, 1984, through June 30, 1987, except as hereinafter 13 provided, shall be \$293.61. Effective July 1, 1987 and on 14 15 July 1 of each year thereafter the maximum weekly 16 compensation rate, except as hereinafter provided, shall 17 be determined as follows: if during the preceding 12 month period there shall have been an increase in the State's 18 19 average weekly wage in covered industries under the 20 Unemployment Insurance Act, the weekly compensation rate 21 shall be proportionately increased by the same percentage 22 as the percentage of increase in the State's average weekly 23 covered industries under the waqe in Unemployment 24 Insurance Act during such period.

The maximum weekly compensation rate, for the period January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1983, except as

hereinafter provided, shall be 100% of the State's average 1 2 weekly wage in covered industries under the Unemployment 3 Insurance Act in effect on January 1, 1981. Effective January 1, 1984 and on January 1, of each year thereafter 4 5 the maximum weekly compensation rate, except as hereinafter provided, shall be determined as follows: if 6 7 during the preceding 12 month period there shall have been 8 an increase in the State's average weekly wage in covered 9 industries under the Unemployment Insurance Act, the 10 weeklv compensation rate shall be proportionately 11 increased by the same percentage as the percentage of 12 increase in the State's average weekly wage in covered 13 industries under the Unemployment Insurance Act during 14 such period.

15 From July 1, 1977 and thereafter such maximum weekly 16 compensation rate in death cases under Section 7, and 17 permanent total disability cases under paragraph (f) or subparagraph 18 of paragraph (3) of this Section and for 18 19 temporary total disability under paragraph (b) of this 20 Section and for amputation of a member or enucleation of an 21 eye under paragraph (e) of this Section shall be increased 22 to 133-1/3% of the State's average weekly wage in covered 23 industries under the Unemployment Insurance Act.

For injuries occurring on or after February 1, 2006, the maximum weekly benefit under paragraph (d)1 of this Section shall be 100% of the State's average weekly wage in 1

covered industries under the Unemployment Insurance Act.

2 4.1. Any provision herein to the contrary compensation 3 notwithstanding, weekly the rate for compensation payments under subparagraph 18 of paragraph 4 (e) of this Section and under paragraph (f) of this Section 5 and under paragraph (a) of Section 7 and for amputation of 6 7 a member or enucleation of an eye under paragraph (e) of 8 this Section, shall in no event be less than 50% of the 9 State's average weekly wage in covered industries under the 10 Unemployment Insurance Act.

4.2. Any provision to the contrary notwithstanding,
the total compensation payable under Section 7 shall not
exceed the greater of \$500,000 or 25 years.

5. For the purpose of this Section this State's average weekly wage in covered industries under the Unemployment Insurance Act on July 1, 1975 is hereby fixed at \$228.16 per week and the computation of compensation rates shall be based on the aforesaid average weekly wage until modified as hereinafter provided.

6. The Department of Employment Security of the State shall on or before the first day of December, 1977, and on or before the first day of June, 1978, and on the first day of each December and June of each year thereafter, publish the State's average weekly wage in covered industries under the Unemployment Insurance Act and the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission shall on the 15th day of January,

1978 and on the 15th day of July, 1978 and on the 15th day 1 2 of each January and July of each year thereafter, post and 3 publish the State's average weekly wage in covered industries under the Unemployment Insurance Act as last 4 5 determined and published by the Department of Employment Security. The amount when so posted and published shall be 6 7 conclusive and shall be applicable as the basis of 8 computation of compensation rates until the next posting 9 and publication as aforesaid.

10 7. The payment of compensation by an employer or his 11 insurance carrier to an injured employee shall not 12 constitute an admission of the employer's liability to pay 13 compensation.

14 (c) For any serious and permanent disfigurement to the 15 hand, head, face, neck, arm, leg below the knee or the chest 16 above the axillary line, the employee is entitled to 17 compensation for such disfigurement, the amount determined by agreement at any time or by arbitration under this Act, at a 18 hearing not less than 6 months after the date of the accidental 19 injury, which amount shall not exceed 150 weeks (if the 20 accidental injury occurs on or after the effective date of this 21 22 amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly but before February 23 1, 2006) or 162 weeks (if the accidental injury occurs on or after February 1, 2006) at the applicable rate provided in 24 25 subparagraph 2.1 of paragraph (b) of this Section.

No compensation is payable under this paragraph where

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1 compensation is payable under paragraphs (d), (e) or (f) of 2 this Section.

A duly appointed member of a fire department in a city, the population of which exceeds 200,000 according to the last federal or State census, is eligible for compensation under this paragraph only where such serious and permanent disfigurement results from burns.

(d) 1. If, after the accidental injury has been sustained, 8 9 result thereof becomes the employee as а partially 10 incapacitated from pursuing his usual and customary line of employment, he shall, except in cases compensated under the 11 12 specific schedule set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section, 13 receive compensation for the duration of his disability, subject to the limitations as to maximum amounts fixed in 14 paragraph (b) of this Section, equal to 66-2/3% of the 15 difference between the average amount which he would be able to 16 17 earn in the full performance of his duties in the occupation in which he was engaged at the time of the accident and the 18 19 average amount which he is earning or is able to earn in some 20 suitable employment or business after the accident.

21 2. If, as a result of the accident, the employee sustains 22 serious and permanent injuries not covered by paragraphs (c) 23 and (e) of this Section or having sustained injuries covered by 24 the aforesaid paragraphs (c) and (e), he shall have sustained 25 in addition thereto other injuries which injuries do not 26 incapacitate him from pursuing the duties of his employment but

1 him from pursuing other which would disable suitable 2 occupations, or which have otherwise resulted in physical impairment; or if such injuries partially incapacitate him from 3 pursuing the duties of his usual and customary line of 4 5 employment but do not result in an impairment of earning 6 capacity, or having resulted in an impairment of earning capacity, the employee elects to waive his right to recover 7 8 under the foregoing subparagraph 1 of paragraph (d) of this 9 Section then in any of the foregoing events, he shall receive 10 in addition to compensation for temporary total disability 11 under paragraph (b) of this Section, compensation at the rate 12 provided in subparagraph 2.1 of paragraph (b) of this Section 13 for that percentage of 500 weeks that the partial disability resulting from the injuries covered by this paragraph bears to 14 15 total disability. If the employee shall have sustained a 16 fracture of one or more vertebra or fracture of the skull, the 17 amount of compensation allowed under this Section shall be not less than 6 weeks for a fractured skull and 6 weeks for each 18 19 fractured vertebra, and in the event the employee shall have 20 sustained a fracture of any of the following facial bones: 21 nasal, lachrymal, vomer, zygoma, maxilla, palatine or 22 mandible, the amount of compensation allowed under this Section 23 shall be not less than 2 weeks for each such fractured bone, and for a fracture of each transverse process not less than 3 24 25 weeks. In the event such injuries shall result in the loss of a kidney, spleen or lung, the amount of compensation allowed 26

1 under this Section shall be not less than 10 weeks for each 2 such organ. Compensation awarded under this subparagraph 2 3 shall not take into consideration injuries covered under 4 paragraphs (c) and (e) of this Section and the compensation 5 provided in this paragraph shall not affect the employee's 6 right to compensation payable under paragraphs (b), (c) and (e) 7 of this Section for the disabilities therein covered.

8 (e) For accidental injuries in the following schedule, the 9 employee shall receive compensation for the period of temporary 10 total incapacity for work resulting from such accidental 11 injury, under subparagraph 1 of paragraph (b) of this Section, 12 and shall receive in addition thereto compensation for a 13 further period for the specific loss herein mentioned, but 14 shall not receive any compensation under any other provisions 15 of this Act. The following listed amounts apply to either the 16 loss of or the permanent and complete loss of use of the member 17 specified, such compensation for the length of time as follows:

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1. Thumb-

1970 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or20after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the2194th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006.

76 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on orafter February 1, 2006.

24 2. First, or index finger-

40 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on orafter the effective date of this amendatory Act of the

94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006. 1 2 43 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or 3 after February 1, 2006. 3. Second, or middle finger-4 5 35 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 6 7 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006. 8 38 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or 9 after February 1, 2006. 10 4. Third, or ring finger-11 25 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or 12 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 13 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006. 27 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or 14 15 after February 1, 2006. 16 5. Fourth, or little finger-17 20 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 18 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006. 19 20 22 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or 21 after February 1, 2006. 22 6. Great toe-23 35 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or 24 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 25 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006. 26 38 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or

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after February 1, 2006.

7. Each toe other than great toe-

12 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006.

6 13 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or 7 after February 1, 2006.

8. The loss of the first or distal phalanx of the thumb 8 9 or of any finger or toe shall be considered to be equal to 10 the loss of one-half of such thumb, finger or toe and the 11 compensation payable shall be one-half of the amount above 12 specified. The loss of more than one phalanx shall be considered as the loss of the entire thumb, finger or toe. 13 14 In no case shall the amount received for more than one 15 finger exceed the amount provided in this schedule for the 16 loss of a hand.

9. Hand-

18 190 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or
19 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
20 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006.

21 205 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or 22 after February 1, 2006.

The loss of 2 or more digits, or one or more phalanges of 2 or more digits, of a hand may be compensated on the basis of partial loss of use of a hand, provided, further, that the loss of 4 digits, or the loss of use of 4 digits,

- in the same hand shall constitute the complete loss of a
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235 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006.

253 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or
after February 1, 2006.

9 Where an accidental injury results in the amputation of 10 an arm below the elbow, such injury shall be compensated as 11 a loss of an arm. Where an accidental injury results in the 12 amputation of an arm above the elbow, compensation for an additional 15 weeks (if the accidental injury occurs on or 13 14 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th 15 General Assembly but before February 1, 2006) or an 16 additional 17 weeks (if the accidental injury occurs on or 17 after February 1, 2006) shall be paid, except where the 18 accidental injury results in the amputation of an arm at 19 the shoulder joint, or so close to shoulder joint that an 20 artificial arm cannot be used, or results in the 21 disarticulation of an arm at the shoulder joint, in which 22 case compensation for an additional 65 weeks (if the 23 accidental injury occurs on or after the effective date of 24 this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly but before 25 February 1, 2006) or an additional 70 weeks (if the 26 accidental injury occurs on or after February 1, 2006)

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shall be paid.

11. Foot-

155 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006.

6 167 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or 7 after February 1, 2006.

8 12. Leg-

9 200 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or 10 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 11 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006.

12 215 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or13 after February 1, 2006.

14 Where an accidental injury results in the amputation of 15 a leg below the knee, such injury shall be compensated as 16 loss of a leg. Where an accidental injury results in the 17 amputation of a leg above the knee, compensation for an additional 25 weeks (if the accidental injury occurs on or 18 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th 19 General Assembly but before February 1, 2006) or an 20 21 additional 27 weeks (if the accidental injury occurs on or 22 after February 1, 2006) shall be paid, except where the 23 accidental injury results in the amputation of a leg at the 24 hip joint, or so close to the hip joint that an artificial 25 leg cannot be used, or results in the disarticulation of a 26 leg at the hip joint, in which case compensation for an additional 75 weeks (if the accidental injury occurs on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006) or an additional 81 weeks (if the accidental injury occurs on or after February 1, 2006) shall be paid.

13. Eye-

150 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006.

10 162 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or11 after February 1, 2006.

Where an accidental injury results in the enucleation of an eye, compensation for an additional 10 weeks (if the accidental injury occurs on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006) or an additional 11 weeks (if the accidental injury occurs on or after February 1, 2006) shall be paid.

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14. Loss of hearing of one ear-

2050 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or21after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the2294th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006.

54 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or
after February 1, 2006.

25Total and permanent loss of hearing of both ears-26200 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or

after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 1 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006. 2 3 215 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or after February 1, 2006. 4 5 15. Testicle-6 50 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or 7 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006. 8 9 54 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or 10 after February 1, 2006. 11 Both testicles-12 150 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 13 14 94th General Assembly but before February 1, 2006. 15 162 weeks if the accidental injury occurs on or 16 after February 1, 2006. 17 16. For the permanent partial loss of use of a member or sight of an eye, or hearing of an ear, compensation 18 19 during that proportion of the number of weeks in the 20 foregoing schedule provided for the loss of such member or 21 sight of an eye, or hearing of an ear, which the partial 22 loss of use thereof bears to the total loss of use of such 23 member, or sight of eye, or hearing of an ear. 24 (a) Loss of hearing for compensation purposes 25 shall be confined to the frequencies of 1,000, 2,000 26 and 3,000 cycles per second. Loss of hearing ability

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for frequency tones above 3,000 cycles per second are not to be considered as constituting disability for hearing.

(b) The percent of hearing loss, for purposes of 4 5 the determination of compensation claims for occupational deafness, shall be calculated as 6 the 7 average in decibels for the thresholds of hearing for the frequencies of 1,000, 2,000 and 3,000 cycles per 8 9 second. Pure tone air conduction audiometric 10 instruments, approved by nationally recognized 11 authorities in this field, shall be used for measuring 12 hearing loss. If the losses of hearing average 30 13 decibels or less in the 3 frequencies, such losses of 14 hearing shall not then constitute any compensable 15 hearing disability. If the losses of hearing average 85 16 decibels or more in the 3 frequencies, then the same 17 shall constitute and be total or 100% compensable hearing loss. 18

(c) In measuring hearing impairment, the lowest
measured losses in each of the 3 frequencies shall be
added together and divided by 3 to determine the
average decibel loss. For every decibel of loss
exceeding 30 decibels an allowance of 1.82% shall be
made up to the maximum of 100% which is reached at 85
decibels.

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(d) If a hearing loss is established to have

existed on July 1, 1975 by audiometric testing the employer shall not be liable for the previous loss so established nor shall he be liable for any loss for which compensation has been paid or awarded.

5 (e) No consideration shall be given to the question 6 of whether or not the ability of an employee to 7 understand speech is improved by the use of a hearing 8 aid.

9 (f) No claim for loss of hearing due to industrial 10 noise shall be brought against an employer or allowed 11 unless the employee has been exposed for a period of 12 time sufficient to cause permanent impairment to noise 13 levels in excess of the following:

14 Sound Level DBA

15	Slow Response	Hours Per Day
16	90	8
17	92	6
18	95	4
19	97	3
20	100	2
21	102	1-1/2
22	105	1
23	110	1/2
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This subparagraph (f) shall not be applied in cases of hearing loss resulting from trauma or explosion. - 24 - LRB096 19613 WGH 35007 b

17. In computing the compensation to be paid to any 1 2 employee who, before the accident for which he claims 3 compensation, had before that time sustained an injury resulting in the loss by amputation or partial loss by 4 5 amputation of any member, including hand, arm, thumb or fingers, leq, foot or any toes, such loss or partial loss 6 7 of any such member shall be deducted from any award made 8 for the subsequent injury. For the permanent loss of use or 9 the permanent partial loss of use of any such member or the 10 partial loss of sight of an eye, for which compensation has 11 been paid, then such loss shall be taken into consideration 12 and deducted from any award for the subsequent injury.

13 18. The specific case of loss of both hands, both arms, 14 or both feet, or both legs, or both eyes, or of any two 15 thereof, or the permanent and complete loss of the use 16 thereof, constitutes total and permanent disability, to be 17 compensated according to the compensation fixed by paragraph (f) of this Section. These specific cases of 18 19 total and permanent disability do not exclude other cases.

20 Any employee who has previously suffered the loss or 21 permanent and complete loss of the use of any of such 22 members, and in a subsequent independent accident loses 23 another or suffers the permanent and complete loss of the 24 use of any one of such members the employer for whom the 25 injured employee is working at the time of the last 26 independent accident is liable to pay compensation only for

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the loss or permanent and complete loss of the use of the member occasioned by the last independent accident.

3 19. In a case of specific loss and the subsequent death of such injured employee from other causes than such injury 4 5 leaving a widow, widower, or dependents surviving before payment or payment in full for such injury, then the amount 6 7 due for such injury is payable to the widow or widower and, if there be no widow or widower, then to such dependents, 8 9 in the proportion which such dependency bears to total 10 dependency.

Beginning July 1, 1980, and every 6 months thereafter, the 11 12 Commission shall examine the Second Injury Fund and when, after deducting all advances or loans made to such Fund, the amount 13 14 therein is \$500,000 then the amount required to be paid by 15 employers pursuant to paragraph (f) of Section 7 shall be 16 reduced by one-half. When the Second Injury Fund reaches the 17 sum of \$600,000 then the payments shall cease entirely. However, when the Second Injury Fund has been reduced to 18 19 \$400,000, payment of one-half of the amounts required by 20 paragraph (f) of Section 7 shall be resumed, in the manner herein provided, and when the Second Injury Fund has been 21 22 reduced to \$300,000, payment of the full amounts required by 23 paragraph (f) of Section 7 shall be resumed, in the manner herein provided. The Commission shall make the changes in 24 25 payment effective by general order, and the changes in payment 26 become immediately effective for all cases coming before the Commission thereafter either by settlement agreement or final
 order, irrespective of the date of the accidental injury.

3 On August 1, 1996 and on February 1 and August 1 of each subsequent year, the Commission shall examine the special fund 4 5 designated as the "Rate Adjustment Fund" and when, after 6 deducting all advances or loans made to said fund, the amount 7 therein is \$4,000,000, the amount required to be paid by 8 employers pursuant to paragraph (f) of Section 7 shall be 9 reduced by one-half. When the Rate Adjustment Fund reaches the 10 sum of \$5,000,000 the payment therein shall cease entirely. 11 However, when said Rate Adjustment Fund has been reduced to 12 \$3,000,000 the amounts required by paragraph (f) of Section 7 13 shall be resumed in the manner herein provided.

(f) In case of complete disability, which renders the employee wholly and permanently incapable of work, or in the specific case of total and permanent disability as provided in subparagraph 18 of paragraph (e) of this Section, compensation shall be payable at the rate provided in subparagraph 2 of paragraph (b) of this Section for life.

An employee entitled to benefits under paragraph (f) of this Section shall also be entitled to receive from the Rate Adjustment Fund provided in paragraph (f) of Section 7 of the supplementary benefits provided in paragraph (g) of this Section 8.

If any employee who receives an award under this paragraph afterwards returns to work or is able to do so, and earns or is

able to earn as much as before the accident, payments under 1 2 such award shall cease. If such employee returns to work, or is 3 able to do so, and earns or is able to earn part but not as much as before the accident, such award shall be modified so as to 4 5 conform to an award under paragraph (d) of this Section. If 6 such award is terminated or reduced under the provisions of 7 this paragraph, such employees have the right at any time within 30 months after the date of such termination or 8 9 reduction to file petition with the Commission for the purpose 10 of determining whether any disability exists as a result of the 11 original accidental injury and the extent thereof.

Disability as enumerated in subdivision 18, paragraph (e)of this Section is considered complete disability.

14 If an employee who had previously incurred loss or the 15 permanent and complete loss of use of one member, through the 16 loss or the permanent and complete loss of the use of one hand, 17 one arm, one foot, one leq, or one eye, incurs permanent and complete disability through the loss or the permanent and 18 complete loss of the use of another member, he shall receive, 19 in addition to the compensation payable by the employer and 20 after such payments have ceased, an amount from the Second 21 22 Injury Fund provided for in paragraph (f) of Section 7, which, 23 together with the compensation payable from the employer in whose employ he was when the last accidental injury was 24 25 incurred, will equal the amount payable for permanent and complete disability as provided in this paragraph of this 26

1 Section.

The custodian of the Second Injury Fund provided for in paragraph (f) of Section 7 shall be joined with the employer as a party respondent in the application for adjustment of claim. The application for adjustment of claim shall state briefly and in general terms the approximate time and place and manner of the loss of the first member.

In its award the Commission or the Arbitrator 8 shall 9 specifically find the amount the injured employee shall be 10 weekly paid, the number of weeks compensation which shall be 11 paid by the employer, the date upon which payments begin out of 12 the Second Injury Fund provided for in paragraph (f) of Section 7 of this Act, the length of time the weekly payments continue, 13 14 the date upon which the pension payments commence and the 15 monthly amount of the payments. The Commission shall 30 days 16 after the date upon which payments out of the Second Injury 17 Fund have begun as provided in the award, and every month thereafter, prepare and submit to the State Comptroller a 18 voucher for payment for all compensation accrued to that date 19 20 at the rate fixed by the Commission. The State Comptroller shall draw a warrant to the injured employee along with a 21 22 receipt to be executed by the injured employee and returned to 23 the Commission. The endorsed warrant and receipt is a full and complete acquittance to the Commission for the payment out of 24 25 the Second Injury Fund. No other appropriation or warrant is 26 necessary for payment out of the Second Injury Fund. The Second Injury Fund is appropriated for the purpose of making payments
 according to the terms of the awards.

As of July 1, 1980 to July 1, 1982, all claims against and obligations of the Second Injury Fund shall become claims against and obligations of the Rate Adjustment Fund to the extent there is insufficient money in the Second Injury Fund to pay such claims and obligations. In that case, all references to "Second Injury Fund" in this Section shall also include the Rate Adjustment Fund.

10 (q) Every award for permanent total disability entered by 11 the Commission on and after July 1, 1965 under which 12 compensation payments shall become due and payable after the 13 effective date of this amendatory Act, and every award for 14 death benefits or permanent total disability entered by the 15 Commission on and after the effective date of this amendatory 16 Act shall be subject to annual adjustments as to the amount of 17 the compensation rate therein provided. Such adjustments shall first be made on July 15, 1977, and all awards made and entered 18 prior to July 1, 1975 and on July 15 of each year thereafter. 19 20 In all other cases such adjustment shall be made on July 15 of the second year next following the date of the entry of the 21 22 award and shall further be made on July 15 annually thereafter. 23 If during the intervening period from the date of the entry of 24 the award, or the last periodic adjustment, there shall have 25 been an increase in the State's average weekly wage in covered 26 industries under the Unemployment Insurance Act, the weekly

compensation rate shall be proportionately increased by the 1 2 same percentage as the percentage of increase in the State's 3 weekly wage in covered industries under average the Unemployment Insurance Act. The increase in the compensation 4 5 rate under this paragraph shall in no event bring the total 6 compensation rate to an amount greater than the prevailing maximum rate at the time that the annual adjustment is made. 7 8 Such increase shall be paid in the same manner as herein 9 provided for payments under the Second Injury Fund to the 10 injured employee, or his dependents, as the case may be, out of 11 the Rate Adjustment Fund provided in paragraph (f) of Section 7 12 of this Act. Payments shall be made at the same intervals as 13 provided in the award or, at the option of the Commission, may 14 be made in quarterly payment on the 15th day of January, April, 15 July and October of each year. In the event of a decrease in 16 such average weekly wage there shall be no change in the then 17 existing compensation rate. The within paragraph shall not apply to cases where there is disputed liability and in which a 18 19 compromise lump sum settlement between the employer and the 20 injured employee, or his dependents, as the case may be, has been duly approved by the Illinois Workers' Compensation 21 22 Commission.

Provided, that in cases of awards entered by the Commission for injuries occurring before July 1, 1975, the increases in the compensation rate adjusted under the foregoing provision of this paragraph (g) shall be limited to increases in the State's average weekly wage in covered industries under the
 Unemployment Insurance Act occurring after July 1, 1975.

For every accident occurring on or after July 20, 2005 but 3 before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th 4 5 General Assembly (Senate Bill 1283 of the 94th General Assembly), the annual adjustments to the compensation rate in 6 awards for death benefits or permanent total disability, as 7 8 provided in this Act, shall be paid by the employer. The 9 adjustment shall be made by the employer on July 15 of the 10 second year next following the date of the entry of the award 11 and shall further be made on July 15 annually thereafter. If 12 during the intervening period from the date of the entry of the award, or the last periodic adjustment, there shall have been 13 14 an increase in the State's average weekly wage in covered 15 industries under the Unemployment Insurance Act, the employer 16 shall increase the weekly compensation rate proportionately by 17 the same percentage as the percentage of increase in the State's average weekly wage in covered industries under the 18 19 Unemployment Insurance Act. The increase in the compensation 20 rate under this paragraph shall in no event bring the total compensation rate to an amount greater than the prevailing 21 22 maximum rate at the time that the annual adjustment is made. In 23 the event of a decrease in such average weekly wage there shall 24 be no change in the then existing compensation rate. Such 25 increase shall be paid by the employer in the same manner and 26 at the same intervals as the payment of compensation in the

award. This paragraph shall not apply to cases where there is disputed liability and in which a compromise lump sum settlement between the employer and the injured employee, or his or her dependents, as the case may be, has been duly approved by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission.

6 The annual adjustments for every award of death benefits or 7 permanent total disability involving accidents occurring 8 before July 20, 2005 and accidents occurring on or after the 9 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General 10 Assembly (Senate Bill 1283 of the 94th General Assembly) shall 11 continue to be paid from the Rate Adjustment Fund pursuant to 12 this paragraph and Section 7(f) of this Act.

13 (h) In case death occurs from any cause before the total 14 compensation to which the employee would have been entitled has 15 been paid, then in case the employee leaves any widow, widower, child, parent (or any grandchild, grandparent or other lineal 16 17 heir or any collateral heir dependent at the time of the accident upon the earnings of the employee to the extent of 50% 18 19 or more of total dependency) such compensation shall be paid to 20 the beneficiaries of the deceased employee and distributed as provided in paragraph (g) of Section 7. 21

(h-1) In case an injured employee is under legal disability at the time when any right or privilege accrues to him or her under this Act, a guardian may be appointed pursuant to law, and may, on behalf of such person under legal disability, claim and exercise any such right or privilege with the same effect

1 as if the employee himself or herself had claimed or exercised 2 the right or privilege. No limitations of time provided by this 3 Act run so long as the employee who is under legal disability 4 is without a conservator or guardian.

(i) In case the injured employee is under 16 years of age
at the time of the accident and is illegally employed, the
amount of compensation payable under paragraphs (b), (c), (d),
(e) and (f) of this Section is increased 50%.

9 However, where an employer has on file an employment 10 certificate issued pursuant to the Child Labor Law or work 11 permit issued pursuant to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 12 as amended, or a birth certificate properly and duly issued, 13 such certificate, permit or birth certificate is conclusive 14 evidence as to the age of the injured minor employee for the 15 purposes of this Section.

Nothing herein contained repeals or amends the provisions of the Child Labor Law relating to the employment of minors under the age of 16 years.

19 (j) 1. In the event the injured employee receives benefits, 20 including medical, surgical or hospital benefits under any group plan covering non-occupational disabilities contributed 21 22 to wholly or partially by the employer, which benefits should 23 not have been payable if any rights of recovery existed under this Act, then such amounts so paid to the employee from any 24 such group plan as shall be consistent with, and limited to, 25 26 the provisions of paragraph 2 hereof, shall be credited to or

any compensation payment for temporary total 1 against 2 incapacity for work or any medical, surgical or hospital benefits made or to be made under this Act. In such event, the 3 period of time for giving notice of accidental injury and 4 5 filing application for adjustment of claim does not commence to 6 run until the termination of such payments. This paragraph does 7 not apply to payments made under any group plan which would have been payable irrespective of an accidental injury under 8 9 this Act. Any employer receiving such credit shall keep such 10 employee safe and harmless from any and all claims or 11 liabilities that may be made against him by reason of having 12 received such payments only to the extent of such credit.

13 Any excess benefits paid to or on behalf of a State employee by the State Employees' Retirement System under 14 Article 14 of the Illinois Pension Code on a death claim or 15 16 disputed disability claim shall be credited against any 17 payments made or to be made by the State of Illinois to or on behalf of such employee under this Act, except for payments for 18 medical expenses which have already been incurred at the time 19 20 of the award. The State of Illinois shall directly reimburse the State Employees' Retirement System to the extent of such 21 22 credit.

23 2. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to give 24 the employer or the insurance carrier the right to credit for 25 any benefits or payments received by the employee other than 26 compensation payments provided by this Act, and where the

employee receives payments other than compensation payments, whether as full or partial salary, group insurance benefits, bonuses, annuities or any other payments, the employer or insurance carrier shall receive credit for each such payment only to the extent of the compensation that would have been payable during the period covered by such payment.

7 3. The extension of time for the filing of an Application 8 for Adjustment of Claim as provided in paragraph 1 above shall 9 not apply to those cases where the time for such filing had 10 expired prior to the date on which payments or benefits 11 enumerated herein have been initiated or resumed. Provided 12 however that this paragraph 3 shall apply only to cases wherein 13 the payments or benefits hereinabove enumerated shall be 14 received after July 1, 1969.

(k) For accidental injuries that occur on or after the 15 16 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General 17 Assembly, permanent partial or total disability shall be certified by a physician and demonstrated by use of medically 18 19 defined objective measurements that include, but are not 20 limited to: loss of range of motion; loss of strength; and measured atrophy of tissue mass consistent with the injury. In 21 22 determining the impairment, subjective complaints shall not be 23 considered unless supported by and clearly related to objective 24 measurements. The then-current edition of the American Medical 25 Association's "Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent 26 Impairment" shall be applied in determining the level of

1 disability under this Act.

2 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, for accidental injuries that occur on or after the effective date 3 4 of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, temporary 5 total disability payments shall not exceed 104 weeks if the injured employee's medical impairment rating determined as a 6 percentage of the whole person based on the then-current 7 edition of the American Medical Association's "Guides to the 8 9 Evaluation of Permanent Impairment" is less than 70%. This 10 subsection (1) does not apply if the injured employee's medical 11 impairment rating determined as a percentage of the whole 12 person based on the then-current edition of the American 13 Medical Association's "Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent 14 Impairment" is 70% or more.

15 (Source: P.A. 93-721, eff. 1-1-05; 94-277, eff. 7-20-05; 16 94-695, eff. 11-16-05.)

17 (820 ILCS 305/11) (from Ch. 48, par. 138.11)

Sec. 11. The compensation herein provided, together with 18 the provisions of this Act, shall be the measure of the 19 20 employer engaged in responsibility of any any of the 21 enterprises or businesses enumerated in Section 3 of this Act, 22 or of any employer who is not engaged in any such enterprises or businesses, but who has elected to provide and pay 23 24 compensation for accidental injuries sustained by any employee 25 arising out of and in the course of the employment according to the provisions of this Act, and whose election to continue under this Act, has not been nullified by any action of his employees as provided for in this Act.

4 Accidental injuries incurred while participating in 5 voluntary recreational programs including but not limited to athletic events, parties and picnics do not arise out of and in 6 7 the course of the employment even though the employer pays some 8 or all of the cost thereof. This exclusion shall not apply in 9 the event that the injured employee was ordered or assigned by 10 his employer to participate in the program.

Accidental injuries incurred while participating as a patient in a drug or alcohol rehabilitation program do not arise out of and in the course of employment even though the employer pays some or all of the costs thereof.

15 Any injury to or disease or death of an employee arising 16 from the administration of a vaccine, including without 17 limitation smallpox vaccine, to prepare for, or as a response to, a threatened or potential bioterrorist incident to the 18 19 employee as part of a voluntary inoculation program in 20 connection with the person's employment or in connection with 21 any governmental program or recommendation for the inoculation 22 of workers in the employee's occupation, geographical area, or 23 other category that includes the employee is deemed to arise out of and in the course of the employment for all purposes 24 25 under this Act. This paragraph added by this amendatory Act of 26 the 93rd General Assembly is declarative of existing law and is

1 not a new enactment.

2	No compensation shall be payable if the injury was caused
3	primarily by the intoxication of the employee, or if the injury
4	was caused by the influence of alcohol or any narcotic drugs,
5	barbiturates, or other stimulants not prescribed by a
6	physician, or by the combined influence of alcohol and any
7	other drug or drugs that affected the employee to such an
8	extent that the Commission determines that the intoxication
9	constituted a departure from employment. Evidence of the
10	concentration of alcohol or a drug or combination thereof in a
11	person's blood or breath at the time alleged, as determined by
12	analysis of the person's blood, urine, breath, or other bodily
13	substance, shall be admissible in any hearing to determine
14	compensability. If the employee refuses to submit to such
15	analysis, it shall be presumed, in the absence of substantial
16	evidence to the contrary, that the accident was caused by the
17	intoxication of the employee. If there was at the time of the
18	injury 0.08% or more by weight of alcohol in the employee's
19	blood or breath or there is any amount of a drug, substance or
20	compound in the person's breath, blood, or urine resulting from
21	the unlawful use or consumption of cannabis listed in the
22	Cannabis Control Act, a controlled substance listed in the
23	Illinois Controlled Substances Act, or an intoxicating
24	compound listed in the Use of Intoxicating Compounds Act, it
25	shall be presumed, in the absence of substantial evidence to
26	the contrary, that the injury was caused by the intoxication of

- the employee. Percentage by weight of alcohol in the blood
 shall be based upon grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of
- 3 blood. Percentage by weight of alcohol in the breath shall be
- 4 based upon grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 93-829, eff. 7-28-04.)