1	HOUSE BILL NO. 22
2	INTRODUCED BY WM. BAETH
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT FOR THE CODIFICATION
5	AND GENERAL REVISION OF THE LAWS RELATING TO THE WORKMEN'S
6	COMPENSATION ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 92-111, 92-117, 92-118,
7	92-119, 92-120, 92-206, 92-426, 92-429, 92-432, 92-502,
3	92-506, 92-507, 92-508, 92-607, 92-603, 92-609, 92-614,
9	92-707, 92-715, 92-804, 92-806, 92-808, 92-809, 92-812,
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18	92-1118, 92-1119, 92-1120, 92-1122, 92-1123, 92-1401,
19	92-1402, 92-1406, R.C.M. 1947, AND REPEALING SECTIONS
20	92-104, 92-105, 92-108 THROUGH 92-110, 92-112 THROUGH
21	92-115, 92-414, 92-415, 9?-419, 92-420, 92-427, 92-428,
22	92-430, 92-431, 92-611, 92-612, 92-841, 92-843, 92-1404,
23	R.C.M. 1947."
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25	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

1 Section 1. Section 92-111, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 2 read as follows: "92-111. Office and furnishings--quarters. The board shall keep its principal office in the capital of the state. It may rent or lease quarters for the conduct of its administrative duties. " Section 2. Section 92-117, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: 9 "92-117. Blank forms, minutes and records. The board 10 division shall cause to be printed such blank forms as it 11 shall deem requisite to facilitate or promote the efficient 12 administration of this act. It shall provide a book in which shall be entered the minutes of all its proceedings, a 13 book of record in which shall be recorded all awards made by 94 15 the board division, and such other books or records as it 16 shall deem requisite for the purpose and 17 administration of this act. All such records are to be kept 18 in the office of the board division." Section 3. Section 92-118, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 19

The beard division shall have the power and authority to

publish and distribute at its discretion from time to time, in addition to its report required by section 2 [82-4002] of

"92-118. Reports and bulletins which may be published.

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read as follows:

- l operations, proceedings, and matters relative to its work as
- 2 it may deem advisable."
- 3 Section 4. Section 92-119, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 "92-119. Fees of board division. The board division
- 6 shall have power and authority to charge and collect the
- 7 following fees:
- 8 1 (1) For copies of papers and records not required
- 9 to be certified or otherwise authenticated by the beard
- 10 division, fifteen cents (15¢) for each folio; for certified
- 11 copies of official documents and orders filed in its office,
- 12 or of the evidence taken at any hearing, twenty cents (20¢)
- 13 for each folio.
- 14 2+ (2) To fix and collect reasonable charges for
- 15 publications issued under its authority.
- 16 3r (3) The fees charged and collected under this
- 17 section shall be paid monthly into the treasury of the
- 18 state, to the credit of the earmarked revenue fund, and
- 19 shall be accompanied by detailed statement thereof.
- 20 Section 5. Section 92-120, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 21 read as follows:
- 22 *92-120. Attorney general legal adviser of beard
- 23 division. (1) The attorney general shall be the legal
- 24 adviser of the board division, and shall represent it in all
- 25 proceedings whenever so requested by the beard division or

- l anv member thereof.
- 2 (2) And-it-is-further--provided--that--the--board The
- 3 division may, in the investigation and defense of cases
- 4 under plan three of the Workmen's Compensation Act, employ
- such other attorney or legal adviser, as it deems necessary,
- and pay for the same out of the industrial insurance account
- 7 in the agency fund."
- 8 Section 6. Section 92-206, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 9 read as follows:

- 10 *92-206. Compensation plan No. 3 exclusive, etc.,
- 11 when a public corporation is the employer. Where a public
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corporation is the employer, the terms, conditions, and

- 13 provisions of compensation plan No. 3 shall be exclusive,
- 14 compulsory, and obligatory upon both employer and employee.
- 15 Any sums necessary to be paid under the provisions of this
- 16 act by any public corporation shall be considered to be
- 17 ordinary and necessary expense of such corporation, and the
- 18 governing body of such public corporation shall make
- 19 appropriation of and pay such sums, into the accident or
- 20 administration fund, as the case may be, at the time and in
- 21 the manner provided for in this act, notwithstanding that
- 22 such governing body may have failed to anticipate such
- 23 ordinary and necessary expense in any budget, estimate of
- 24 expenses, appropriations, ordinances, or otherwise.
- 25 Whenever a contractor is engaged as an employer in the

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1	performance of contract work for a public corporation, such
2	employer must elect to be bound by the terms, conditions and
3	provisions of either compensation plan No. 2 or
4	compensation plan No. 3, and the terms, conditions and
5	provisions of the plan chosen shall be compulsory and
6	opligatory upon both employer and employee. Whenever any
7	public corporation neglects or refuses to file with the
8	industrial-accident-beard division monthly payroll report of
9	its employees, the board-is-hereby-authorized-andempowered
10	to division may levy an arbitrary assessment upon such
11	public corporation in an amount of twenty-five dollars for
12	each such assessment, which assessments shall be collected
13	in the manner provided in this act for the collection of
14	assessments."
15	Section 7. Section 92-426, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

"92-426. Board-defined: "Board"-means--the--industrial accident -- beard -- of -the -state - of -Montanar Division defined. "Division" means the division of workmen's compensation of the department of labor and industry provided for in section 82A-1004, R.C.M. 1947."

Section 8. Section 92-429, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 22 23 read as follows:

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"92-429. Order defined. "Order" shall-mean-and-include 24 regulation, direction. decision, rule, 25 means

1 requirement, or standard of the beard division, or any other determination arrived at or decision made by such-boardy-the division excepting--general--or--local--orders--as---herein specified." Section 9. Section 92-432, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: "92-432. Payroll defined--estimate to 7 payroll. "Payroll," "annual payroll" or "annual payroll for the preceding year," means the average annual payroll of the 10 employer for the preceding calendar year, or, if the employer shall not have operated a sufficient or any length 11

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14 estimate may be made by the board division for any employer 15 starting in business where no average payrolls are 16 available, such estimate to be adjusted by additional payment by the employer or refund by the board division, as 17 18 the case may actually be on December 31st of such current

of time during such calendar year, twelve times the average

monthly payroll for the current year; provided, that an

20 Section 10. Section 92-502, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

22 When compensation to beneficiaries,-major-or 23 minor-dependents or widow ceases. If any beneficiaries or 24 major -- or minor -dependents of a deceased employee die, or if

25 the widow or widower remarry, the right of such beneficiary

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- 1 er--major--er--minor--dependent or such widow or widower to compensation under this act shall cease." 2
- Section 11. Section 92-506, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 3 4 read as follows:
- 5 *92-506. No compensation to nonresident beneficiaries 6 until when. Before payment of compensation to a beneficiary 7 not residing within the United States, satisfactory proof of such relationship as to constitute a beneficiary under this shall be furnished by such beneficiary, duly 9 authenticated under seal of an officer of a court of law in 10 the country where such beneficiary resides, at such times 11 12 and in such manner as may be required by the beard division. 13 And such proof shall be conclusive as to the identity of 14 such beneficiary, and any other claim of any other person to 15 any such compensation shall be barred from and after the filing of such proof." 16

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read as follows:

"92-507. Payment to nonresident beneficiaries made to whom. Payment of compensation to a beneficiary not residing within the United States may be made to any plenipotentiary, or consul, or consular agent within the United States, representing the country in which such nonresident beneficiary resides, and the written receipt of such plenipotentiary, or consul, or consular agent shall acquit

Section 12. Section 92-507, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

- the employer, the insurer, or the beard division, as the case may be."
- Section 13. Section 92-508, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 3

"92-508. Compensation paid to parent or quardian.

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- 6 Where payment is due to a child under eighteen (18) years of 7 age or to a person adjudged incompetent, the same shall be made to the parent or to the duly appointed quardian, as the case may be, and the written receipt of such parent or 9 guardian shall acquit the employer, the insurer or beard 10 division, as the case may be, of further liability. In 11 other cases, payment shall be made to the person entitled 12 thereto or to his duly authorized representative."
- Section 14. Section 92-607, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 14 15 read as follows:

"92-607. Work to be paid for in property other than

money--wages. Where any employer procures any work to be

- done, payment for which is to be made in property other than 18 money or its equivalent, and the value of which property is 19 speculative or intangible, the wages of the employees 20 21 receiving such compensation shall be determined by the beard
- division in accordance with the going wage for the same or 22
- 23 similar work in the district or locality where the same is
- to be performed; provided; -however; -that However, where an 24
- 25 employer procures any work to be done by any contractor, or

through him by a subcontractor, the payment for which is to
be made in property other than money or its equivalent, and
the value of which property is speculative or intangible,
then and in that event, the employer shall not be liable for
compensation, but such liability shall fall upon the
contractor or subcontractor, as the case may be."

7 Section 15. Section 92-608, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 8 read as follows:

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"92-603. Compensation in case of death of employee--determination of beneficiary, etc. (1) If an injured employee dies and the injury was the proximate cause of such death, then the beneficiary,-er-the-major-er-minor dependents of the deceased, as the case may be, shall receive the same compensation as though the death occurred immediately following the injury, but the period during which the death benefit shall be paid shall be reduced by the period during or for which compensation was paid for the injury.

(2) If the employee shall die from some cause other than the injury, there shall be no liability for compensation after his death.

(3) The question as to who constitutes a beneficiary, or-a-major-or-minor-dependent, shall be determined as of the date of the happening of the accident to the employee, whether death shall immediately result therefrom or not."

Section 16. Section 92-609, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

92-609. Examination of employee by physician--request or order for--physician may testify. (1) Whenever in case of injury the right to compensation under this act would exist in favor of any employee, he shall, upon the written request of his employer or the insurer, submit from time to time to examination by a physician, who shall be provided and paid for by such employer or insurer, and shall likewise submit to examination from time to time by any physician selected by the beard division, or any member or examiner, or referee thereof.

13 (2) The request or order for such examination shall 14 fix a time and place therefor, due regard being had to the convenience of the employee and his physical condition and 15 ability to attend at the time and place fixed. The employee 16 17 shall be entitled to have a physician, provided and paid for 18 by himself, present at any such examination. So long as the employee, after such written request, shall fail or refuse 19 20 to submit to such examination, or shall in any way obstruct 21 the same, his right to compensation shall be suspended. Any 22 physician employed by the employer, the insurer, or the

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3 "92-614. Who liable for injuries under the different 4 plans of act and in what amounts, extraterritorial 5 application and reciprocity. (1) Every employer who shall become bound by and subject to the provisions of compensation plan number one (1), and every employer and insurer who shall become bound by and subject to the provisions of compensation plan number two (2), and the industrial accident fund where the employer of the injured employee has become bound by and subject to the provisions of compensation plan No. 3, shall be liable for the payment of compensation in the manner and to the extent hereinafter provided to an employee who has elected to come under this act, and who shall receive an injury arising out of and in the course of his employment, or, in the case of his death from such injury, to his beneficiaries, if any -- or -- if-none, to-his-major-dependentsy-if-anyy-ory-if-noney-to--his--minor dependents,-if-any.

(2) If a workman employed in this state who is subject to the provisions of this act temporarily leaves the state incidental to that employment and receives an injury arising out of and in the course of such employment, the provisions of this act shall apply to such workman as though he were injured within this state.

- (3) If a workman from another state and his employer 1 2 from another state are temporarily engaged in work within this state, this act shall not apply to them:
- (a) if the employer and employee are bound by the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Law or similar law 5 of such other state which applies to them while they are in the state of Montana, and 7
 - (b) if the Workmen's Compensation Act of this state is recognized and given effect as the exclusive remedy for workmen employed in this state who are injured while temporarily employed in such other state.
 - (4) A certificate from an authorized officer of the workmen's compensation department or similar agency of another state certifying that an employer of such other state is bound by the Workmen's Compensation Act of the state and that its act will be applied to employees of the employer while in the state of Montana shall be prima facie evidence of the application of the Workmen's Compensation Law of the certifying state.
 - (5) The industrial-accident-board-shall-have-authority division may, with the approval of the governor, to enter into agreements with workmen's compensation agencies of other states for the purpose of promulgating regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this act to carry out the extraterritorial application of the workmen's

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Section 13. Section 92-707, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-707. Compensation from what date paid. When an injured-employee-has-no-wife,-child,-father,-mother,-brother or-sister-residing-within-the-United--States--who--would--be entitled---to---compensation---in--case--of--his--deathy--no compensation-shall-be-allowed-or-paid-during-the-first--week of--any--injury--except-as-may-be-required-by-the-provisions of-the-preceding-section,-but-if--disability--continues--one (1)--weeky--compensation--shall--be--paid--from--thc-datc-of injury .-- Where the injured employee has a beneficiary er--a major--or--minor-dependent-residing-within-the-United-States who would-be is entitled to compensation in case of his death, no compensation shall be paid for the first week of any injury, but if disability continues one (1) week, compensation shall be paid from the date of injury. provided; that However, separate benefits of medical and hospital services shall be furnished from the date of injury."

21 Section 19. Section 92-715, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 22 read as follows:

"92-715. Biwaekly payments converted into a lump sum.

The biweekly payments provided for in this act may be converted, in whole or in part, into a lump-sum payment,

which lump-sum payment shall not exceed the estimated value of the present worth of the deferred payments capitalized at the rate of two per-centum percent (2%) per annum. conversion can only be made upon the written application of 5 the injured workman, or his beneficiary, -or-major --or--minor dependents; -- as -- the -- ease -- may -- be - and shall rest in the 7 discretion of the beard division, both as to the amount of such lump-sum payment and the advisability of such conversion. The board division is hereby vested with full 10 power, authority, and jurisdiction to compromise claims and 11 to approve compromises of claims under this actr. end--ell 12 All settlements and compromises of compensation provided in this act shall-be-absolutely-null-and are void without the 13 14 approval of the board division. Any approval of the board 15 division must be in writing and set forth specifically the 16 reasons for such lump-sum or compromise payment."

19 "92-304. Misrepresenting payroll. Any employer who
20 shall-misrepresent misrepresents to the board division the
21 amount of a payroll upon which the premiums or assessments
22 under compensation plan number three are to be levied. or

Section 20. Section 92-804, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

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read as follows:

23 upon which fees for factory inspection, subsequent

24 inspection, or reinspection, as elsewhere provided in this

25 act, are based, shall be liable to the state in ten (10)

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- times the amount of difference between the amount paid and
- 2 the amount which should have been paid. Such liability may
- 3 be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the
- 4 state. All sums collected under this section shall be paid
- 5 into the fund to which the original payments were, or should
- 6 have been credited.*
- 7 Section 21. Section 92-806, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 8 read as follows:
- 9 *92-806. Duplicate receipts paid for injuries to be
- 10 filed--statements of medical expenditures. Every employer
- 11 coming under the provisions of compensation plan number one,
- 12 and every insurer coming under the provisions of
- 13 compensation plan number two, shall, on or before the
- 14 fifteenth day of each and every month, file with the
- 15 industrial -- accident -- board division duplicate receipts for
- 16 all payments made during the previous month to injured
- 17 workmen or their beneficiaries or dependents; and statements
- 18 showing the amounts expended during the previous month for
- 19 medical, surgical, and hospital services, and for the burial
- 20 of injured workmen."
- 21 Section 22. Section 92-808, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 22 read as follows:
- 23 *92-808. Employers and insurers required to file
- 24 reports of accidents. Every employer of labor and every
- 25 insurer is hereby required to file with the beard division,

- under such rules and-regulations as the board division may,
- 2 from time to time make, a full and complete report of every
- 3 accident to an employee arising out of or in the course of
- 4 his employment and resulting in loss of life or injury to
- such person. Such reports shall be furnished to the board
- 6 division in such form and such detail as the board division
- 7 shall from time to time prescribe, and shall make specific
- 8 answers to all questions required by the board division
- 9 under its rules and -- requiations, except, in case he is
- 10 unable to answer any such questions, a good and sufficient
- 11 reason shall be given for such failure.*
- 12 Section 23. Section 92-809, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 13 read as follows:
- 14 *92-809. Confidential information used, how, No
- 15 information furnished to the beard division by an employer
- 16 or an insurer shall be open to public inspection, or made
- 17 public except on order of the board division, or by the
- 18 beard division or a member of the beard division, in the
- 19 course of a hearing or proceeding. Any officer or employee
- of the board division who, in violation of the provisions of
- 21 this section, divuldes any information, shall be guilty of a
- 22 misdemeanor."
- 23 Section 24. Section 92-812, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 24 read as follows:
- 25 "92-812. Hearings and investigations--technical rules.

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All hearings and investigations before the board division, 1 or any member thereof, shall be governed by this act and by 2 rules of practice and procedure to be adopted by the beard 3 division, and in the conduct thereof neither the board 4 5 division nor any member thereof shall be bound by the 6 technical rules of evidence. No informality in any 7 proceedings or in the manner of taking testimony shall 8 invalidate any order, decision, award, rule, or regulation 9 made, approved, or confirmed by the board division." 10 Section 25. Section 92-813, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 11 read as follows:

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"92-813. Depositions may be taken. The beard division, or any member thereof, or any party to the action or proceeding may, in any investigation or hearing before the board division, cause the deposition of witnesses residing within or without the state to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for like depositions in civil actions in the district courts of this state, and to that end may compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents, papers, and accounts."

21 Section 26. Section 92-814, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 22 read as follows:

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herein specifically designated or in addition thereto, which

2 are necessary or convenient in the exercise of any power,

3 authority, or jurisdiction conferred upon it under this

4 act."

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5 Section 27. Section 92-814.1, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

6 to read as follows:

7 "92-814.1. Requiring claimant to submit to

8 examination--report of physician--cost. In the event of a

9 dispute concerning the physical condition of a claimant, or

10 the cause or causes of his injury or disability, if any, the

11 board division, at the request of the claimant, employer or

12 insurer, as the case may be, shall require the claimant to

13 submit to such examination as it may deem desirable by a

14 physician or physicians within the state of Montana or

15 elsewhere who have had adequate and substantial experience

16 in the particular field of medicine concerned with the

matters presented by the dispute. The physician making such

18 the examination shall file a written report of his findings

19 with the beard division for its use in the determination of

20 the controversy involved. The board division shall pay the

21 physician for such the examination and shall be reimbursed

22 by the party who requested it."

23 Section 28. Section 92-815, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

24 read as follows:

25 "92-815. Powers to issue writs and process--fees for

serving. (1) The boardy-and-cach-member-thereof-shell--have power -- to division may issue writs of summons, warrants of attachment, warrants of commitment, and all necessary process in proceedings for contempt in like manner and to the same extent as courts of record. The process issued by the board-ot-any-member-thereof division shall extend to all parts of the state, and may be served by any persons authorized to serve process of courts of record, or by any person designated for that purpose by the beardy-er-any member-thereof division.

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(2) The person executing any such process shall receive such compensation as may be allowed by the board division, not to exceed the fees now prescribed by law for similar service, and such fees shall be paid in the same manner as provided herein for the fees of witnesses."

Section 29. Section 92-816, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-816. Power to administer oaths, certify official acts, issue subpoenas -- witness fees and mileage. The board and--each--member--thereof division, its secretary and referees, shall--have--the--power--to may administer oaths, certify to all official acts, and to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, books, accounts, documents, and testimony in any inquiry, investigation, hearing, or proceeding in any part of the

state. Each witness who shall appear by order of the beardy or-any-member-thereof division shall be entitled to receive, if demanded, for his attendance the same fees and mileage allowed by law to a witness in civil cases in the district court, which amount shall be paid by the party at whose request such witness is subpoenaed, unless otherwise ordered by the board division. When any witness, who has not been required to attend at the request of any party, is subpoenaed by the beard division, his fees and mileage may be paid from the funds appropriated for the use of the beard division in the same manner as other expenses of the beard division are paid. Any witness subpoenaed, except one whose fees and mileage may be paid from the funds of the board division, may at the time of service demand the fee to which he is entitled for travel to and from the place at which he is required to appear, and one day's attendance. If such witness demands such fees at the time of service and they are not at that time paid or tendered, he shall not be required to attend before the beardy--er-a--member--thereof division or referee, as directed in the subpoena." 21 Section 30. Section 92-817, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 22 read as follows: "92-817. Power of district court concerning production 23 24 of testimony--contempt. The district court in and for the 25 county in which any inquiry, investigation, hearing, or proceeding may be held by the board, -or-any--member -- thereof division, shall have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses, the giving of testimony, and the production of papers, books, accounts, and documents as required by any subpoena issued by the board, --er--any--member --- thereof division. The board--er-any-member-thereof, division before whom the testimony is to be given or produced, in case of the refusal of any witness to attend or testify or produce any papers required by such subpoena, may report to the district court in and for the county in which the proceeding is pending, by petition, setting forth that due notice has been given of the time and place fixed for the attendance of said witness, or the production of said papers, and that the witness has been summoned in the manner prescribed in this act, and that the witness has failed and refused to attend, or produce the papers required by the subpoena before the board--or--any--member--thereof division in the case or proceeding named in the notice and subpoena, or has refused to answer questions propounded to him in the course of such proceedings, and ask an order of said the court compelling the witness to attend and testify or produce said papers before the board division. The court, upon the petition of the board, or any member-of-the-board, division shall enter an order directing the witness to appear before the court at the time and place to be fixed by the court in such order,

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not more than ten days from the date of the order, and then 2 and there show cause why he had not attended or testified, or produced such papers before the beard division. A copy of said the order shall be served upon said the witness. If it shall appear to the court that said the subpoena was regularly issued by the boardy-or-a-member-thereofy division and regularly served, the court shall thereupon enter an order that said the witness appear at the time and place fixed in said the order, and testify or produce the required 10 papers, and upon failure to obey said the order, said the 11 witness shall be dealt with as for contempt of court. The 12 remedy provided in this section is cumulative, and shall not 13 be construed to impair or interfere with the power of the 14 boardy --- or -- a -- member -- thereofy division to enforce the 15 attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, and to punish for contempt, in the same manner and to the same 16 17 extent as courts of record."

18 Section 31. Section 92-818, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-818. Certificates and certified copies as evidence. Copies of official documents and orders filed or deposited according to law in the office of the board division, certified to by a member of the board division, or by the secretary under the official seal of the board division, to be true copies of the original, shall be

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- 1 evidence in like manner as the originals. In any court 2 proceeding, wherein the question as to whether or not an 3 employer or employee has complied with and is operating 4 bound by the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act of the state of Montana, is a question for 5 6 determination, a certificate by a member of the beard 7 division, or by the secretary under the official seal of the 8 board division, certifying that such employer or employee 9 has or has not complied with, and is or is not operating 10 under, and is or is not bound by the provisions of the 11 Workmen's Compensation Act of the state of Montana, shall be 12 prima facie evidence thereof."
- 15 *92-819. Apportionment οf costs and 16 disbursements--expenses. The costs and disbursements 17 incurred in any proceeding or hearing before the beardy-or-a 18 member -- thereof, division may be apportioned between the 19 parties on the same or adverse sides, in the discretion of 20 the board division."

Section 32. Section 92-819, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

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read as follows:

- 21 Section 33. Section 92-820, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 22 read as follows:
- 23 "92-820. Books, records and payrolls to be open to
 24 inspection. The books, records, and payrolls of the
 25 employer, pertinent to the administration of this act, shall

auly authorized employee thereof, for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the payroll, the number of men employed, and such other information as may be necessary for the board division and its management under this act. Refusal on the part of the employer to submit said books, records, and payrolls for such inspection shall subject the offending employer to a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense, to be collected by civil action in the name of the state, and paid into the state treasury."

always be open to inspection by the beard division or any

- 11 Section 34. Section 92-821, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- **"92-821.** 13 Jurisdiction of beard division to hear disputes and controversies. All proceedings to determine 14 15 disputes or controversies arising under this act shall be 16 instituted before the beard division, and not elsewhere, and 17 heard and determined by them the division, except as 18 otherwise in this act provided, and the beard division is hereby vested with full power, authority, and jurisdiction 19 20 to try and finally determine all such matters, subject only 21 to review in the manner and within the time in this act 22 provided."
- 23 Section 35. Section 92-822, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- 25 "92-822. Presumption as to legality of rules, orders,

findings, etc., of beard division. All orders, rules, and regulations, findings, decisions, and awards of the beard division in conformity with law shall be in force and shall be prima facie lawful; and all such orders, rules, and 5 regulations, findings, decisions, and awards shall be conclusively presumed to be reasonable and lawful, until and 7 unless they are modified or set aside by the beard division or upon review." Section 36. Section 92-823, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 9 read as follows:

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"92-823. Time for filing--final findings and awards. The board division shall hold the initial hearing to determine any dispute or controversy arising under this act within ninety (90) days from the date on which such disputed claim was filed with the board division. After a final hearing by the beard division, it shall within thirty (30) days, make and file its findings upon all facts involved in the controversy, and its award, which shall state its determination as to the right of the parties."

Section 37. Section 92-824, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 20 read as follows: 21

22 "92-824. Power of beard division to award compensation and time and manner of payment. The beard division in its 23 24 award may fix and determine the total amount of compensation to be paid, and specify the manner of payment, or may fix 25

1 and determine the weekly disability indemnity to be paid, and order payment thereof during the continuance of such disability. providing-howevery-that-the The payment of such award and indemnity shall be in the same manner as that 5 of undisputed awards and indemnities coming within the particular plan provided for in this act to which said the award and indemnity belong."

Section 38. Section 92-824.1, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

to read as follows: 10 "92-824.1. Increase in award for unreasonable delay or 11 refusal to pay. When payment of compensation has been 12 unreasonably delayed or refused, either prior or subsequent 13 to the issuance of an award, the full amount of the order, 14 decision or award may be increased by ten per cent (10%) of 15 the weekly award. The question of unreasonable delay or 16 refusal shall be determined by the board division and such a 17 finding shall constitute good cause to rescind, alter or 18 amend any order, decision or award previously made in said 19 cause for the purpose of making the increase provided 20 herein."

21 Section 39. Section 92-825, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 22 read as follows:

23 "92-325. When a nominal disability indemnity may be 24 awarded. If in any proceeding it is proved that an accident has happened for which the employer would be liable to pay

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- 1 compensation if disability has resulted therefrom, but it is
- not proved that an incapacity has resulted, the beard
- division may, instead of dismissing the application, award a 3
- 4 nominal disability indemnity if it appears that disability
- is likely to result at a future time." 5
- 6 Section 40. Section 92-326, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 "92-826. Jurisdiction to rescind or amend any order,
- decision, award, etc. The board division shall have
- 10 continuing jurisdiction over all its orders, decisions, and
- awards, and may, at any time, upon notice, and after 11
- opportunity to be heard is given to the parties in interest, 12
- 13 rescind, alter, or amend any such order, decision, or award
- 14 made by it upon good cause appearing therefor. Provided.
- 15 that the beard division shall not have power to rescind,
- 16 alter, or amend any final settlement or award of
 - compensation more than four (4) years after the same has
- 18 been made, and provided further that the board division
- 19 shall not have the power to rescind, alter or amend any
- order approving a full and final compromise settlement of 20
- 21 compensation. Any order, decision, or award rescinding,
- 22 altering, or amending a prior order, decision, or award,
- 23 shall have the same effect as original orders or awards. "
- 24 Section 41. Section 92-827, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 25 read as follows:

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1 **"92-827.** Record of proceedings to be kept and testimony to be taken down--attorney's fees--transcripts on

appeal -- indigent claimants. (1) A full and complete record 3

shall be kept of all proceedings and hearings had before the

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had, and all testimony produced before the board-or-any

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11 (2) Whenever the claimant or plaintiff is represented 12 by an attorney either before the beard division or the 13 courts, the industrial-accident-board division may, in its 14 discretion or upon the application of the claimant or 15 plaintiff, fix the amount of the attorney fee of the 16 attorney representing the claimant or plaintiff, and the fee fixed by the beard division shall be paid by claimant or plaintiff.

19 (3) In cases of an action to review any order or 20 decision of the beard division, a transcript of such 21 testimony, together with all exhibits, and of the pleadings, 22 records, and proceedings in the cause shall constitute the 23 record of the board division. Provided-further, -- that -- the

beard The division must furnish a copy of such testimony, 24

25 written exhibits, pleadings, records and proceedings to the 1 claimant without cost.

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(4) After judgment on appeal to the district court, an indigent claimant, deeming himself aggrieved, may file in said the court an affidavit that he does not have money, property or credit sufficient to pay for the cost of a transcript on appeal to the supreme court, and the clerk of court serve a copy by registered mail, return receipt requested, on the industrial-accident-board; -- the division. The affidavit shall be prima facie evidence of the truth of the facts stated therein; in-the-event If the board-contest division contests the allegations, the court shall fix a date for the hearing thereof, not less than five (5) nor more than ten (10) days from the date of filing, and shall make its determination of the controversy, and if it be found and adjudged that the claimant does not have sufficient money, property or credit to pay for such the transcript, the order shall direct the industrial -- accident board division to furnish the same at its expense to be paid from the industrial accident administrative earmarked revenue account.

(5) All proceedings on such appeal, including preparation, presentation and settlement of the bill of exceptions, shall be continued pending determination of the controversy.

25 (6) If the beard division does not contest the

allegations of the claimant's affidavit within ten (10) days

2 from receipt, it shall be deemed in default and the court

3 shall make its order in favor of claimant on expiration of

4 such period."

5 Section 42. Section 92-828, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

6 read as follows:

7 "92-328. Collateral attack not permitted. No orders or

8 decisions of the board division shall be subject to

collateral attack, and may be reviewed or modified only in

10 the manner provided therein."

11 Section 43. Section 92-829, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

12 read as follows:

"92-829. Application for rehearing. At any time within

14 twenty (20) days after the service of any order or decision

15 of the beard division, any party or parties aggrieved

16 thereby may apply for a rehearing upon one or more of the

17 following grounds, and upon no other grounds:

18 (1) That the beard division acted without or in excess

19 of its powers;

20 (2) That the order, decision, or award was procured by

21 fraud;

22 (3) That the evidence does not justify the findings;

23 (4) That the applicant has discovered new evidence,

24 material to him, and which he could not, with reasonable

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1 (5) That the findings do not support the order,
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- 5 Section 44. Section 92-830, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 6 read as follows:

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- *92-830. Board Division may at any time diminish or increase an award. Nothing contained in the preceding section shall, however, be construed to limit the right of the board division, at any time after the date of its award, and from time to time after due notice and upon the application of any party interested, to review, diminish, or increase, within the limits provided by this act, any compensation awarded upon the grounds that the disability of the person in whose favor such award was made has either increased or diminished or terminated."
- 17 Section 45. Section 92-831, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
 - "92-831. Application for rehearing-contents-rules of procedure. The application for rehearing shall set forth specifically and in full detail the grounds upon which the applicant considers said the order, decision, award, rule, or regulation to be unjust, or unlawful, and shall in other respects conform to such rules and-regulations as the board division may prescribe. The board-shall-have-full-power-and

authority-to-make-and-prescribe division may adopt rules to
govern the procedure upon rehearing, and any matter before
it and any order made after such rehearing abrogating or
changing the original order shall have the same force and
effect as an original order, and shall not affect any right,
or enforcement of any right, arising from or by virtue of

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- 8 Section 46. Section 92-832, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 9 read as follows:
 - "92-832. Application for rehearing or appeal shall not operate as stay. An application for rehearing or the appeal hereinafter provided shall not excuse any employer, employee, or other person from complying with or obeying any order or requirement of the board division, or operate in any manner to stay or postpone the enforcement of an order or requirement thereof, except as the board division or the court may direct."
- 18 Section 47. Section 92-834, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- 792-834. How appeal taken-notice--record--trial. Said
 The appeal shall be taken by serving a written--notice--of
 said--appeal--upon--the-chairman-of-such-industrial-accident
 commission,-or-upon-any-other--member--thereof,--which--said
 service--shall--be--made-by-the-delivery-of-a copy of such a

25 notice of appeal to--such--chairman--or--member, on the

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division and filing the original with the clerk of the court to which said the appeal is taken. A copy of such the notice must also be served upon the adversary party, if there--be any, by mailing the same copy to said the adversary party to such the address of such the party as said the party shall have left with the beard division. If such the party shall-have has left no address with the board division, then no service upon such the party shall be required. The order of filing and service of said the notice is immaterial. Immediately upon service upon said board the division of said the notice, the said-board division shall certify to said the district court the entire record and proceedings, including all testimony and evidence taken by said-board the division, with the clerk of said the district court. Immediately upon the return of such the certified record, the district court shall fix a day for the hearing of said the cause, and shall cause notice to be served upon the beard division and upon the appellant, and also upon the adversary party, if there be any. The court may, upon the hearing, for good cause shown, permit additional evidence to be introduced, but, in the absence of such permission from the court, the cause shall be heard on the record of the beard division, as certified to the court by it. The trial of the matter shall be de novo, and upon such trial the court shall determine whether or not the

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or not the findings of the beard aivision ought to be sustained, and whether or not such findings are reasonable under all the circumstances of the case." Section 48. Section 92-835, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: "92-335. Appearances--setting aside conclusions, orders, etc., of board division -- judgment and findings. The beard division and each party to the action or proceeding before the board division shall have the right to appear in the proceeding, and it shall be the duty of the board division to so appear. If the court shall-find finds from such the trial, as aforesaid, that the findings and conclusions of the board division are not in accordance with either the facts or the law, or that they ought to be other or different than those made by the beard division, or that any finding and conclusion, or any order, rule, requirement of the board division is unreasonable, the court shall set aside such the finding, conclusion, order, judgment, decree, rule, or requirement of said-board the division, or shall modify or change the same as law and justice shall require, and the court shall also make and enter any finding, conclusion, order or judgment that shall

be required, or shall be legal and proper in the premises."

Section 49. Section 92-836, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

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"92-836. Appeals to supreme court. Either the board division, or the appellant, or any adversary party, if there be one, may appeal to the supreme court of the state of Montana from any final order, judgment, or decree of the said district court, which said appeal shall be taken in like manner as appeals are now taken in other civil actions to the said supreme court, and upon such appeal the said supreme court shall make such orders in reference to a stay of proceedings as it finds to be just in the premises, and may stay the operation of any order, judgment, or decree of said the district court, without requiring any bond or undertaking from the applicant for such stay. When any such cause is so appealed it shall have precedence upon the calendar of the said supreme court, and shall be tried anew by said the supreme court upon the record made in said the district court and before said--beard the division, and judgment and decree shall be entered therein as expeditiously as possible. "

20 Section 50. Section 92-842, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-842. Annual report--copies for general distribution. The board division shall, not later than the first--day--of October 1 of each year, make a report to the governor covering its entire operations and proceedings for

the preceding fiscal year, with such suggestions or recommendations as it may deem of value for public information. A reasonable number of copies of such report shall be printed for general distribution.

5 Section 51. Section 92-903, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

7 *92-903. Employer permitted to carry on business and settle directly with employee -- renewal of application. If 8 9 such employer, making such election, shall be found by the board division to have the requisite financial ability to 10 pay the compensation and benefits in this act provided for, 11 12 then the beard division shall grant to such the employer 13 permission to carry on his said business for the fiscal year 14 within which such election is made, and such proof filed, or 15 the remaining portion of such fiscal year, and to make such 16 payments directly to his employees as they may become 17 entitled to receive the same. Every employer, so long as he 18 continues in his said employment, and so long as he 19 continues to be bound by such compensation plan No. 1, 20 shall, at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of 21 each fiscal year, renew his application to be permitted to 22 continue to make such payments as aforesaid directly to his 23 employees for the next ensuing fiscal year, and under like 24 circumstances as those mentioned for the granting of such 25 permission upon such first application, the board may renew

the same from year to year."

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2 Section 52. Section 92-904, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-904. Additional proof of solvency--revocation of order. The board division may at any time require from any employer acting under compensation plan No. 1 additional proof of solvency and financial ability to pay the compensation provided by this act, and may at any time, upon notice to such employer of not less than ten (10) or more than twenty (20) days, after and upon a full hearing, revoke any order or approval theretofore made."

12 Section 53. Section 92-905, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 13 read as follows:

"92-905. Requiring security of employer. If said industrial-accident-board--shall--find the division finds that such an employer has does not have the financial responsibility for the payment of the compensation herein provided to be paid, which might reasonably be expected to be chargeable to such the employer during the fiscal year to be covered by such the permission, said-industrial--accident board--must--so-find, and the division must require such the employer, before granting to him such permission, or before continuing or engaging in such employment, subject to the provisions of compensation plan No. 1, to give security for such payment, which security must be in such an amount as

said--board--shall-find the division finds is reasonable and 1 necessary to meet all liabilities of such the employer, which may reasonably and ordinarily be expected to accrue during such the fiscal year. Said The security must be deposited with the treasurer-of-the-board division, and may be a certain estimated per--centum percent of said the 7 employer's last preceding annual payroll, or a certain ber centum percent of the established amount of his annual payroll for said the fiscal year or said the security may be 9 10 in the form of a bond or undertaking executed to said 11 industrial-accident-board the division in the amount to be fixed by it with two (2) or more sufficient sureties, which 12 13 undertaking must be conditioned that such the employer will 14 well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, all such sums and amounts for which the employer shall become liable under the 15 16 terms of this act to his employees during said the fiscal 17 year; or such security may consist of any state, county, 18 municipal, or school district bonds, or the bonds or 19 evidence of indebtedness of any individuals or corporations 20 which the beard-may-deem division deems solvent; and every 21 such deposit and the character and amount of such securities shall at all times be subject to approval, revision, or 22 change by the beard division as in its judgment may be 24 required, and upon proof of the final payment of the

liability for which such securities are given,

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- securities, or any remaining part thereof, shall be returned
 to the depositor. The treasurer--ef--the--beard-and-his
 bondsmen-snall-be division is liable for the value and
 safekeeping of all such deposits or securities, and shall,
 at any time, upon demand of the a bondsmen or the depositor
 or--the--beard, account for the same, and the earnings
 thereof."
- 8 Section 54. Section 92-906, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 9 read as follows:

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"92-906. Failure of emoloyer to pay compensation--duty of bears division. Upon the failure of said the employer to pay any compensation provided for in this act, upon the terms and in the amounts and at the times when the same small become due and payable, it the division shall be-the duty-of-such-state-accident-board, upon demand of the person to whom compensation is due, to apply any deposits made with the beard division to the payment of the same, and it the division shall be--its--duty--te take the proper steps to convert any securities on deposit with the said--beard division, or sufficient thereof, into cash and to pay the same upon the liabilities of said the employer, accruing under the terms of this act, and it-shall-be-its-duty-in-se far--as-the-same-shall-be the division shall when necessary, to collect and enforce the collection of the liability of all sureties upon any bonds which may be given by the said employer to insure the payment of his seid liability. And
to these ends, and for these purposes, the beard division
shall be deemed to be the owner of said the deposit and
security and the obligee in said the bond in trust for the
seid purposes, and may proceed in its own name to recover
upon such the bonds, or foreclose and liquidate said the
securities."

8 Section 55. Section 92-907, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

10 *92-907. When employer to make deposit or security to 11 quarantee payment of compensation. Within thirty (30) days 12 after the happening of an accident where death or the nature 13 of the injury renders the amount of future payments certain, 14 or reasonably certain, the employer shall make a deposit or 15 give security as herein defined with the treasurer-of-the beard division for the protection and quaranty of the 16 1.7 payment of such liability, in such sum as the beard division 18 may direct, provided, however, that However, if sufficient 19 securities are already on deposit with the said-board division, or if the said--board--shall--have--determined 20 21 division determinés that the employer has sufficient 22 financial responsibility to meet said the liability of the 23 said the employer, together with other liabilities already 24 accrued, no such additional deposit or security shall be demanded." 25

1 Section 56. Section 92-908, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 2 read as follows:

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"92-908. When employer may be relieved from liability.

Any employer against whom liability may exist for compensation under this act, may, with the approval of the board division, be relieved therefrom by:

- (1) Depositing the present value or the estimated present value of the total unpaid compensation for which such liability exists, assuming interest at five per-centum percent per annum, with the treasurer-of-the-board division; or,
- 12 (2) Purchasing an annuity within the limitations
 13 provided by law, in any insurance company granting
 14 annuities, and authorized to transact business in this
 15 state, subject to the approval of the board division."
- 16 Section 57. Section 92-1902, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 17 to read as follows:
- 18 "92-1002. Duty of employer electing plan 2--amount of insurance necessary. Any employer electing to 19 become bound by compensation plan No. 2 shall make his 20 election on the form and in the manner prescribed by the 21 beard division. Such election shall be accompanied by a 22 23 certificate issued by the insurer on the form prescribed by the board division, which shall state the effective date of 24 the policy insuring the employer, its expiration date and 25

such other information as may be required by the board

2 <u>division</u> to inform the <u>beard</u> <u>division</u> of the adequacy of the

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4 Section 58. Section 92-1004, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

5 to read as follows:

"92-1004. Agreement to be contained in policies of insurance--deposit of bonds. No such policy shall be issued unless it contains the agreement of the insurer that it will promptly pay to the person entitled to compensation all the installments of compensation or other payments in this act provided for, and that the obligation shall not be affected by any default of the insured after the injury, or by any default in the giving of any notice required by such policy or by this act or otherwise. Such agreement shall be construed to be a direct promise by the insured to the person entitled to compensation. Before issuance of any policy by an insurer as herein authorized, such insurer must deposit with the treasurer-of-the-industrial-accident--board division, bonds of the United States or the state of Montana, or of any school district, county, city or town in the state of Montana, or a corporate surety bond made out to and approved by the beard division, in an amount not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), as the industrial

accident-board division may determine. If any insurer shall

1 fail fails to discharge any liability after the amount thereof shall be determined by the board division, and 2 within the time limited by the division, beardy-it-shall-be 3 the-duty-of-the-board-to the division shall convert said the bonds, or such part thereof as is necessary, into cash, 5 6 and from the proceeds liquidate such liability; and thereafter said the insurer must make an additional deposit 7 to meet any deficiency caused thereby. It is intended hereby 8 9 to give the industrial -- assident -- board division the 10 discretion in the matter of whether an insurer has failed to 11 discharge any liability."

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to read as follows:

*92-1005. (2982) Policies made subject to this act--assessment of insurers. (1) Every policy for the insurance of the compensation herein provided for, or against liability therefor, shall be deemed to be made subject to the provisions of this act. No insurer shall enter into any such policy of insurance unless its forms shall have been approved by the board division, and as otherwise provided by law.

Section 59. Section 92-1005, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

22 (2) On or before the-first-day-of July 1 of each year,
23 the board division shall assess and each insurer shall pay
24 to the board division not to exceed three and one-fourths
25 per cent (3 1/4%) of its gross annual direct premiums

- 1 collected in Montana on policies of insurance insuring
- 2 employers who elected to become bound by the compensation
- plan No. 2 during the previous calendar year, less return
- 4 premiums. No such assessment shall be less than two hundred
- 5 dollars (\$200). The treasurer-of-the-board division shall
- 6 pay the amounts so collected into the state treasury.
- 7 Payments by such the insurers under this section shall be
- 8 considered as items of loss for rate-making purposes.
- 9 Section 60. Section 92-1006, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- 10 to read as follows:
- 11 "92-1006. Renewals. Every certificate of renewal of
- 12 such policy shall be made and delivered to said-beard the
- 13 division at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration
- 14 of the expiring policy. *
- 15 Section 61. Section 92-1007, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- 16 to read as follows:
- 17 "92-1007. Deposits by insurer with board division.
- 18 Within thirty (30) days of the happening of an accident
- 19 where death or the nature of the injury renders the amount
- 20 of future payments certain or reasonably certain, the
- 21 insurer shall make a deposit, as herein defined, with the
- 22 treasurer--ef--the--board division for the protection and
- 23 quarantee of the payment of such liability in such sum as
- 24 the board division may direct; provided; that However, if
- 25 the beard division deems the amount on deposit by said the

- insurer under the provisions of section 92-1004 sufficient to cover all liabilities of the insurer, then no further deposit shall be required."
- 4 Section 62. Section 92-1008, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- 6 "92-1008. How insurer relieved from liability. Any
 7 insurer against whom liability may exist for compensation
 8 under this act, may, with the approval of the beard
 9 division, be relieved therefrom by:

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- (1) Depositing the present value or the estimated present value of the total unpaid compensation for which such liability exists, assuming interest at five per-centum percent per annum, with the treasurer-of-the-board division; or,
 - (2) By purchasing an annuity within the limitations provided by law in any insurance company granting annuities, and authorized to transact business in this state, subject to the approval of the board division."
- 19 Section 63. Section 92-1009, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 20 to read as follows:
 - "92-1009. Cancellation of insurance policy. No policy of insurance issued under the provisions of compensation plan No. 2 shall be canceled within the time limited for its expiration except upon thirty (30) days' notice to the employer in favor of whom such policy is issued, and to the

- 1 beard division, unless such policy sought to be canceled
- 2 shall have been sooner replaced by other insurance."
- 3 Section 64. Section 92-1010, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- 4 to read as follows:
- 5 "92-1010. Report of insurance companies to beard
- 6 division. Every insurance company transacting business under
- 7 this act shall, at the time and in the manner prescribed by
- 5 the beard division, make and file with the beard division
- 9 such reports of accidents as the beard division may
- 10 require."
- 11 Section 65. Section 92-1101, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- 12 to read as follows:
- 13 "92-1101. What necessary in electing plan No.
- 14 3-percentage of payroll to be paid under plan.
- 15 COMPENSATION PLAN NUMBER THREE
- 16 Every employer subject to the provisions of
- 17 compensation plan No. 3 shall at the times and in the manner
- 13 prescribed by the industrial-accident-board division, pay to
- 19 the industrial-accident-board division a premium based on a
- 20 percentage of his payroll as determined by the industrial
- 21 accident--board division which shall be a member of a rating
- 22 organization in accordance with the provisions of this act."
- 23 Section 66. Section 92-1102, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- 24 to read as follows:
- 25 "92-1102. Permitting employers to elect to comply and

come under the provisions of this act. An employer shall 1 2 comply with the provisions of this act, in which event he 3 will not be liable to respond in damages at common law or by statute for injury or death of an employee and shall enjoy 5 the benefits and privileges of this act. The employee of the employer is considered to come under the provisions of this 6 act unless the employee executes and files with the division 7 8 on proper forms to be furnished for that purpose, a specific 9 election not to be so bound, in which event he shall not 10 enjoy the benefits or privileges of this act until the 11 election is withdrawn."

Section 67. Section 92-1103, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

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to read as follows:

insurance—payment of premium. The industrial—accident—board division shall prescribe the procedure by which employers may elect to be bound by compensation plan No. 3, the effective time of such election and the manner in which such election is terminated for reasons other than default in payment of premiums. Every employer electing to be bound by compensation plan No. 3 shall receive from the industrial accident—board division a contract or policy of insurance in a form approved by the board division. The premium thereon shall be paid by the employer, to the industrial—accident board division at such times as the board division shall

- 1 prescribe and shall be paid over by the beard division to
- 2 the state treasurer to the credit of the industrial
- 3 insurance account in the agency fund."
 - Section 68. Section 92-1104, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 "92-1104. Classifications by beard <u>division</u>. The
 7 <u>industrial--accident--beard</u> division is hereby given full
- 8 power and authority to determine premium rates and
- 9 classifications as in its judgment and experience, and as
- 10 member of a rating organization as is otherwise provided for
- in this code, may be necessary or expedient, provided that
- 13 effective until thirty (30) days after the date of the order

no change in the classification or rates prescribed shall be

14 making such change."

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- 15 Section 69. Section 92-1105, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- 16 to read as follows:
- 17 "92-1105. Intent and purpose of plan No. 3. (1) It is
- 18 the intent and purpose of compensation plan No. 3 that each
- 19 industry, trade, occupation or employment coming under the
- 20 provisions of said the plan shall be liable to pay for
- 21 injuries happening to employees coming under the provisions
- 22 of the Workmen's Compensation Act.
- 23 (2) All premiums, penalties, recoveries b
- 24 subrogation, interest earned upon money belonging to the
- 23 fund, and securities acquired by or through use of money

shall be deposited in the industrial insurance account in the agency fund.

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(3) The industrial insurance program shall be neither more nor less than self-supporting, Employments affected by the provisions hereof shall be divided by the board division as a member of a rating organization into classes, whose rates may be readjusted at such times as the board division as a member of such rating organization may determine. Separate accounts shall be kept of the amounts collected and expended in each class for determining rates but for payment of compensation and dividends the industrial insurance account shall be one and indivisable. The beard division as a member of such rating organization shall determine the hazards of the different classes of occupations industries and fix the premiums therefor at the lowest rate consistent with maintenance of a solvent industrial insurance fund, and the creation of surplus and reserves and for such purpose may adopt a system of schedule rating in such a manner as to take account of the peculiar hazard of each risk, and shall take advantage of the experience and information afforded to it as a member of such rating organization.

(4) The board division in fixing rates shall provide for the expenses of administering the industrial insurance account allowed by law, the disbursements on account of

injuries and deaths of employées in each class, an adequate
catastrophe reserve, reserves adequate to meet anticipated
and unexpected losses, and such other reserves and surplus
as may be determined by the beard division as a member of
such rating organization."

6 Section 70. Section 92-1105.1, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 7 to read as follows:

8 "92-1105.1. Advanced rate for dangerous places of 9 employment. If by reason of poor or careless management, or 10 otherwise, any place of employment be is unduly dangerous in 11 comparison with other like places of employment, and the 12 employer operating the same shall has not have complied with 13 the safety provisions of the Montana Safety Act, and such the employer shall-be is under compensation plan number 3. 14 15 the beard division, in addition to any other penalty 16 provided, shall advance the rate upon such place employment fifty (50) per centy. and-such The advanced rate 17 13 shall continue and be in force until such the place of 19 employment shall--have has ceased to be unduly dangerous in 20 comparison with other like places of employment and such the employer shall-have has obtained a certificate of the board 21 22 division."

23 Section 71. Section 92-1108, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

25 "92-1103. In case of default, rates to be advanced

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twenty-five per cent (25%). Any employer who is in default in the observance of any order of the beard division, issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 92-1101 to 92-1105, inclusive, shall, in addition to any other penalty provided by this act, be charged an advance of twenty-five per-centum percent (25%) over the established rate, and such advanced rate shall continue and be in force until such the employer shall-have has ceased to be in such default.

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Section 72. Section 92-1110, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-1110. Surplus in industrial insurance account. If at the end of any fiscal year, there exists in the industrial insurance account in the agency fund an excess of assets over liabilities, and a reasonable surplus, such liabilities to include necessary reserves, which excess may be divided safely, then the beard division may declare a dividend in such manner as the rules of the beard division may prescribe, to those employers who have paid premiums into the industrial insurance account in the agency fund in excess of liabilities chargeable to them in the account in the agency fund for that year. In determining the amount or proportion of such the balance to which the employer is entitled as dividends, the beard division shall give consideration to the prior paid premiums and accident experience of each individual employer during the dividend

Section 73. Section 92-1112, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 2 to read as follows: *92-1112. Investment of reserve--payment installments. The treasurer-of-the-board division shall turn 5 over such the reserve to the state board of land commissioners investments to be invested and the same shall be invested by said-state the board of land-commissioners 8 investments as part of the long term investment fund and out 9 of the same and its earnings shall be paid the monthly 10 11 installments, and any lump sum, then or thereafter arranged 12 for, provided, -- however, -- that However, when there is sufficient money in the industrial insurance account in the 13 agency fund to meet such compensation payments, any surplus 14 remaining may be invested as specified in this section." 15

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Section 74. Section 92-1113, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

18 "92-1113. Treasurer Division to keep accounts of segregations. The treasurer-of-the-board division shall keep

segregations. The treasurer-of-the-board division shall keep an accurate account of all such segregations of the industrial insurance account in the agency fund, and upon direction-of-the-board shall divert from the account any sums necessary to meet monthly payments, pending the conversion into cash of any security, and in such case shall

Section 75. Section 92-1114, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-1114. Collection in case of default by employer -- cancellation of right to operate under plan No. 3 for failure to pay premium. (1) If any employer under plan No. 3 shall default in any payment to the industrial accident -- beard division, the sum due may be collected by an action at law in the name of the state and such right of action shall be cumulative. The industrial-accident-board division is hereby authorized in its discretion to cancel an employer's right to operate under plan No. 3 of the Workmen's Compensation Act for failure to pay the premiums duer. provided-that-when When the industrial-accident--board division makes an order canceling an employer's right for failure to pay premiums it shall be the duty of the industrial -- accident -- beard division to make such order at least thirty (30) days before the cancellation becomes effective and to send a formal notice to the sheriff or sheriffs of the county or counties where the employer is operating, and it shall be the duty of the said sheriff or sheriffs to post a notice in at least three (3) conspicuous places where the workmen can readily see said notices, to the effect that the industrial-accident-board division has canceled the right of the said employer to operate under the act: and said notice shall give the date of the effectiveness of said order. After said the cancellation date the said employer shall have the same status as an employer who is not enrolled under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

(2) When an employer's right to operate has been

canceled by the beard division for failure to pay premiums
and when the beard division, in its discretion finds that
the property and assets of said the employer are not
sufficient to pay said the premiums, the beard division may
compromise said the claim for premiums and accept a payment
of an amount less than the total amount due."

12 Section 76. Section 92-1115, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 13 to read as follows:

default. For any injury happening to any of his workmen during default in any payment to the industrial--accident board division, the defaulting employer as to such injury shall be considered as having elected not to come under the

"92-1115. Injury happening while employer is in

provisions of this act, except that he shall be and remain
liable to pay to the industrial-accident-board division the

21 amount of such default, together with the penalty prescribed

22 by section 92-1108."

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23 Section 77. Section 92-1117, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

24 to read as follows:

25 "92-1117. Prosecution or settlement of cause of

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- 1 action. Any cause of action assigned to the state under the
- 2 preceding section may be prosecuted or compromised by the
- 3 board division, in its discretion."
- 4 Section 78. Section 92-1118, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- 5 to read as follows:

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- 6 92-1118. Application for compensation under plan No.
 - 3. Where a workman is entitled to compensation under
- â compensation plan No. 3, he shall file with the board
- 9 civision his application therefor, together with the
- certificate of the physician who attended him, and it shall 10
- 11 be the duty of such physician to lend all necessary
- 12 assistance in making application for compensation and such
- proof of other matters as may be required by the rules of
- 1 1 the beare division without charge to the workman; provided;
- 15 that-the The filing of a certificate of the attending
- 16 physician shall does not constitute a sworn claim for
- 17 compensation."
- 18 Section 79. Section 92-1119. R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- 19 to read as follows:
- "92-1119. Payment of physician. For a proper 20
- 21 compliance with the provisions of the preceding section, the
- 22 physician, after approval by the beard division, shall be
- 23 waid out of the beard's livision's administrative moneys in
- 24 the earmarked revenue fund, one and one-half dollars (\$1.50)
- for each case." 2.5

Section 30. Section 92-1120, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 1

2 to read as follows:

"92-1120. Application in case of death. Where death 3 results from the injury, the parties entitled to

compensation under compensation plan No. 3, or someone in 5

their behalf, shall make application for the same to

beard division. The application must be accompanied with

3 proof of death and proof of relationship, showing the

parties entitled to compensation, certificate of the 9

attending physician, if any, and such other proof as may be 10

11 required by the rules of the board division."

12 Section 81. Section 92-1122, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

13 to read as follows:

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*92-1122. Disbursements out of industrial accident 14

account -- employer to pay warrant. Disbursements out of the 15

industrial insurance account in the agency fund shall be 16

17 made by the treasurer-of-the-board-as-the-board-may-order

13 division. If at any time there shall is not be sufficient

money in the account with which to pay any warrants drawn 19

20 thereon, the employer, on account of whose workmen the

warrant was drawn, shall pay the same, and upon his next 22 contribution to such the account he shall be credited with

23 the amount so paid, with interest thereon at the rate of six

24 per--centum percent per annum from the date of such payment

25 to the date upon which the next assessment becomes payable; LC 0177

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to read as follows:

and if the amount of the credit exceeds the amount of such assessment, he shall have a warrant upon—such account for the excess, and if said the warrant be is not paid for want of funds, it shall be credited to such the employer and be applied upon succeeding assessments."

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6 Section 82. Section 92-1123, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 7 to read as follows:

"92-1123. Earnings and interest on deposits—treasurer to-make-no-profit. All earnings made by the industrial insurance account in the agency fund by reason of interest paid for the deposit thereof, or otherwise, shall be credited to and become a part of said the account, and the making of profit, either directly or indirectly, by the treasurer—of-the-board;—or any other person, out of the use of the account shall constitute a felony, and on conviction thereof shall subject the person making such profit to imprisonment in the state penitentiary for a term not exceeding two years, or a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both such fine and imprisonment; and the-treasurer-of-the-board-shall-be-liable-upon-his-official bond-for-all-profits-realized-for-any-unlawful--use-of--the account."

23 Section 83. Section 92-1401, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 24 to read as follows:

25 "92-1401. keference to vocational rehabilitation

division of injured workmen. The industrial-accident-board of-the-state-of-Montana division of workmen's compensation shall refer to the vocational-rehabilitation-division-of-the beard--ef--education--ef--the-state-ef-Montana department of social and rehabilitation services workmen who have become permanently disabled as the result of injuries sustained within the scope and course of employment by an employer enrolled under the Workmen's Compensation Act of the state of Montana and who in the opinion of said-board the division 10 can be vocationally rehabilitated, -and--said--vocational 11 rehabilitation---division The department of social and rehabilitation services shall provide for the vocational 12 renabilitation of such the injured workmen under the 13 provisions of Title 41, Chapter 8, Revised-Codes-of-Montanay 14 R.C.M. 1947 and-amendments-therete." 15

accident---beard division--review of award. When said

vocational-rehabilitation-division the department of social

and rehabilitation services has provided all feasible

vocational rehabilitation to such an injured workman, or has

determined that vocational rehabilitation is not possible or

feasible, it shall certify its determination to said

industrial--accident--beard the division, at which time said

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Section 34. Section 92-1402, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

"92-1402. Certification of determination to industrial

beard the division shall reconsider and review any previous
award of compensation to such the injured workman which is
then in effect."

Section 85. Section 92-1406, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-1406. Industrial accident rehabilitation account.

(1) The payments provided in section 92-1403 shall be made from the industrial accident rehabilitation account in the agency fund. Payments to such the account shall be made on or before the-first-day-of July 1 of each year as follows:

(1) (a) By each employer operating under the provisions of plan one of the Workmen's Compensation Act, an amount to be assessed by the industrial-accident-board division, not exceeding one per cent (1%) of the compensation paid to the employer's injured employees in Montana for the preceding fiscal year.

(2) (b) By each insurer insuring employers under the provisions of plan two of the Workmen's Compensation Act an amount to be assessed by the industrial-accident-board division, not exceeding one per cent (1%) of the compensation paid to injured employees of its insured in Montana during the preceding fiscal year.

(3) (c) By the industrial-accident-board division an amount to be determined by the industrial-accident-board division, not exceeding one per cent (1%) of the

compensation paid to injured employees in Montana from the industrial insurance account in the agency fund and the occupational disease account in the agency fund for the preceding fiscal year.

(2) Separate accounts of the amounts collected and disbursements made from the industrial accident rehabilitation account in the agency fund shall be kept for each of the plans. If in any fiscal year, the amount collected from the employers under any plan exceeds the amount of payments for employees of the employers under such plan, the assessment against the employers under such plan for the following year shall be reduced.

(3) The payments herein provided for shall be made to the industrial—accident—beard division which shall credit the sums paid to the said industrial accident rehabilitation account which shall be in the custody of the state treasurer. Disbursements from the said account shall be made after approval by the division-of-vocational-rehabilitation department of social and rehabilitation services and upon audit and approval by the state-controller-and-purchasing agent department of administration.

(4) No part of the funds allocated or contributed as herein provided and contemplated shall be used in payment of administrative expenses of the industrial-accident-board division or vocational-rehabilitation-division department of

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- social and rehabilitation services."
- 2 Section 86. Sections 92-104, 92-105, 92-108 through
- 92-110, 92-112 through 92-115, 92-414, 92-415, 92-419,
- 4 92-420, 92-427, 92-428, 92-430, 92-431, 92-611, 92-612,
- 5 92-841, 92-843, 92-1404, R.C.M. 1947 are repealed.

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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 22
2	INTRODUCED BY W. BAETH
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT FOR THE CODIFICATION
5	AND GENERAL REVISION OF THE LAWS RELATING TO THE WORKMEN'S
6	COMPENSATION ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 82A-1004, 92-101,
7	92-111, 92-117, 92-118, 92-119, 92-120, 92-206, 92-426,
8	92-429, 92-432, 92-502, 92-506, 92-507, 92-508, 92-607,
9	92-608, 92-609, 92-614, 92-707, 92-715, 92-804, 92-806,
10	92-808, 92-809, 92-812, 92-813, 92-814, 92-814.1, 92-815,
11	92-816, 92-817, 92-818, 92-819, 92-820, 92-821, 92-822,
12	92-823, 92-824, 92-824.1, 92-825, 92-826, 92-827, 92-828,
13	92-829, 92-830, 92-831, 92-832, 92-834, 92-835, 92-836,
14	92-842, 92-903, 92-904, 92-905, 92-906, 92-907, 92-908,
15	92-1002, 92-1004, 92-1005, 92-1006, 92-1007, 92-1008,
16	92-1009, 92-1010, 92-1101, 92-1102, 92-1103, 92-1104,
17	92-1105, 92-1105.1, 92-1108, 92-1110, 92-1112, 92-1113,
18	92-1114, 92-1115, 92-1117, 92-1118, 92-1119, 92-1120,
19	92-1122, 92-1123, 92-1401, 92-1402, 92-1406, R.C.M. 1947,
20	AND REPEALING SECTIONS 92-104, 92-105, 92-108 THROUGH
21	92-110, 92-112 THROUGH 92-115, 92-414, 92-415, 92-419,
22	92-420, 92-427, 92-428, 92-430, 92-431, 92-611, 92-612,
23	92-841, 92-843, 92-1404, R.C.M. 1947."
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25	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

1 Section 1. Section 92-111, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 2 read as follows: 3 "92-111. Office and furnishings--quarters. The board 4 division shall keep its principal office in the capital of the state. It may rent or lease quarters for the conduct of 5 its administrative duties." 6 7 Section 2. Section 92-117, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 8 read as follows: 9 *92-117. Blank forms, minutes and records. The board 10 division shall cause to be printed such blank forms as it 11 shall deem requisite to facilitate or promote the efficient 12 administration of this act. It shall provide a book in 13 which shall be entered the minutes of all its proceedings, a 14 book of record in which shall be recorded all awards made by 15 the beard division, and such other books or records as it 16 shall deem requisite for the purpose and efficient

19 Section 3. Section 92-118, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 20 read as follows:

in the office of the board division."

administration of this act. All such records are to be kept

"92-118. Reports and bulletins which may be published.

The beard division shall have the power and authority to publish and distribute at its discretion from time to time, in addition to its report required by section 2 [82-4002] of

this act, such further reports and bulletins covering its

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- operations, proceedings, and matters relative to its work as it may deem advisable."
- 3 Section 4. Section 92-119, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 4 read as follows:
- 5 *92-119. Fees of beard division. The beard division
 6 shall have power and authority to charge and collect the
 7 following fees:
- 8 1. (1) For copies of papers and records not required
 9 to be certified or otherwise authenticated by the beard
 10 division, fifteen cents (15¢) for each folio; for certified
 11 copies of official documents and orders filed in its office,
 12 or of the evidence taken at any hearing, twenty cents (20¢)
 13 for each folio.
- 16 37 (3) The fees charged and collected under this
 17 section shall be paid monthly into the treasury of the
 18 state, to the credit of the earmarked revenue fund, and
 19 shall be accompanied by detailed statement thereof.**
- Section 5. Section 92-120, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- egal adviser of beard division. (1) The attorney general shall be the legal adviser of the beard division, and shall represent it in all proceedings whenever so requested by the beard division or

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- l any member thereof.
- 2 (2) And-it-is-further--provided--that--the--board The
 3 division may, in the investigation and defense of cases
 4 under plan three of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act,
 5 employ such other attorney or legal adviser, as it deems
 6 necessary, and pay for the same out of the industrial
 7 insurance account in the agency fund."
- 8 Section 6. Section 92-206, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- 10 "92-206. Compensation plan No. 3 exclusive, etc., when a public corporation is the employer. Where a public corporation is the employer, the terms, conditions, and 12 provisions of compensation plan No. 3 shall be exclusive, 13 14 compulsory, and obligatory upon both employer and employee. 15 Any sums necessary to be paid under the provisions of this 16 act by any public corporation shall be considered to be 17 ordinary and necessary expense of such corporation, and the qoverning body of such public corporation shall make 18 appropriation of and pay such sums, into the accident or 19 20 administration fund, as the case may be, at the time and in 21 the manner provided for in this act. notwithstanding that 22 such governing body may have failed to anticipate such ordinary and necessary expense in any budget, estimate of 24 expenses. appropriations, ordinances, or otherwise.
 - Whenever a contractor is engaged as an employer in the

1	performance of contract work for a public corporation, such
2	employer must elect to be bound by the terms, conditions and
3	provisions of either compensation plan No. 2 or
4	compensation plan No. 3, and the terms, conditions and
5	provisions of the plan chosen shall be compulsory and
6	obligatory upon both employer and employee. Whenever any
7	public corporation neglects or refuses to file with the
8	industrial-accident-board division monthly payroll report of
9	its employees, the board-is-hereby-authorized-andempowered
10	to division may levy an arbitrary assessment upon such
11	public corporation in an amount of twenty-five dollars for
12	each such assessment, which assessments shall be collected
13	in the manner provided in this act for the collection of
14	assessments."

Section 7. Section 92-426, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 15 16 read as follows:

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"92-426. Board-defined, "Board"-means--the--industrial accident -- board -- of -the -state -of -Montanar Division defined. "Division" means the division of workmen's compensation of the department of labor and industry provided for in section 82A-1004, R.C.M. 1947."

Section 8. Section 92-429, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 22 23 read as follows:

"92-429. Order defined. "Order" shall-mean-and-include 24 decision. rule, regulation, direction, 25 means any

1 requirement, or standard of the beard division, or any other determination arrived at or decision made by such-beardy-the

division excepting--general--or-local--orders--as--herein

specified."

5 Section 9. Section 92-432, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

7 "92-432. Payroll defined--estimate to establish payroll. "Payroll," "annual payroll" or "annual payroll for the preceding year, " means the average annual payroll of the 10 employer for the preceding calendar year, or, if the employer shall not have operated a sufficient or any length 11 12 of time during such calendar year, twelve times the average

13 monthly payroll for the current year; provided, that an 14 estimate may be made by the board division for any employer

15 starting in business where no average payrolls are

available, such estimate to be adjusted by additional payment by the employer or refund by the board division, as 17

18 the case may actually be on December 31st of such current

19 year."

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20 Section 10. Section 92-502, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

21 read as follows:

"92-502. When compensation to beneficiaries,-major--or 22 23

minor--dependents or widow ceases. If any beneficiaries or 24 major-or-minor-dependents of a deceased employee die, or if

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or-major-or-minor-dependent or such widow or widower to compensation under this act shall cease."

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3 Section 11. Section 92-506, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 4 read as follows:

"92-506. No compensation to nonresident beneficiaries until when. Before payment of compensation to a beneficiary not residing within the United States, satisfactory proof of such relationship as to constitute a beneficiary under this act shall be furnished by such beneficiary, duly authenticated under seal of an officer of a court of law in the country where such beneficiary resides, at such times and in such manner as may be required by the beard division. And such proof shall be conclusive as to the identity of such beneficiary, and any other claim of any other person to any such compensation shall be barred from and after the filing of such proof."

17 Section 12. Section 92-507, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 18 read as follows:

whom. Payment of compensation to a beneficiary not residing within the United States may be made to any plenipotentiary, or consul, or consular agent within the United States, representing the country in which such nonresident beneficiary resides, and the written receipt of such plenipotentiary, or consul, or consular agent shall acquit

the employer, the insurer, or the board division, as the case may be."

3 Section 13. Section 92-508, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 4 read as follows:

*92-508. Compensation paid to parent or guardian. 5 Where payment is due to a child under eighteen (18) years of age or to a person adjudged incompetent, the same shall be 7 made to the parent or to the duly appointed guardian, as the g. case may be, and the written receipt of such parent or quardian shall acquit the employer, the insurer or board 10 11 division, as the case may be, of further liability. In 12 other cases, payment shall be made to the person entitled 13 thereto or to his duly authorized representative."

Section 14. Section 92-607, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

*92-607. Work to be paid for in property other than 16 17 money--wages. Where any employer procures any work to be done, payment for which is to be made in property other than 18 19 money or its equivalent, and the value of which property is speculative or intangible, the wages of the employees 20 receiving such compensation shall be determined by the board 21 division in accordance with the going wage for the same or 22 23 similar work in the district or locality where the same is 24 to be performed;. provided; however; that However, where an 25 employer procures any work to be done by any contractor, or

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through him by a subcontractor, the payment for which is to 1 be made in property other than money or its equivalent, and 2 the value of which property is speculative or intangible, 3 then and in that event, the employer shall not be liable for 4 compensation, but such liability shall fall upon the 5 6 contractor or subcontractor, as the case may be."

7 Section 15. Section 92-608, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 8 read as follows:

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"92-608. Compensation in case of death of employee--determination of beneficiary, etc. (1) If an injured employee dies and the injury was the proximate cause of such death, then the beneficiary -- or-the-major -- or -- minor dependents of the deceased, as the case may be, shall receive the same compensation as though the death occurred immediately following the injury, but the period during which the death benefit shall be paid shall be reduced by the period during or for which compensation was paid for the injury.

(2) If the employee shall die from some cause other than the injury, there shall be no liability for compensation after his death.

(3) The question as to who constitutes a beneficiary, or-a-major-or-minor-dependent; shall be determined as of the date of the happening of the accident to the employee, whether death shall immediately result therefrom or not."

Section 16. Section 92-609, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 2 read as follows:

3 *92-609. Examination of employee by physician--request or order for--physician may testify. (1) Whenever in case of injury the right to compensation under this act would exist in favor of any employee, he shall, upon the written request of his employer or the insurer, submit from time to 8 time to examination by a physician, who shall be provided 9 and paid for by such employer or insurer, and shall likewise 10 submit to examination from time to time by any physician 11 selected by the beard division, or any member or examiner, 12 or referee thereof.

(2) The request or order for such examination shall 14 fix a time and place therefor, due regard being had to the 15 convenience of the employee and his physical condition and 16 ability to attend at the time and place fixed. The employee shall be entitled to have a physician, provided and paid for 17 18 by himself, present at any such examination. So long as the 19 employee, after such written request, shall fail or refuse 20 to submit to such examination, or shall in any way obstruct the same, his right to compensation shall be suspended. Any 21 22 physician employed by the employer, the insurer, or the 23 beard division, who shall make or be present at any such 24

examination, may be required to testify as to the results

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Section 17. Section 92-614, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-614. Who liable for injuries under the different plans of act and in what amounts, extraterritorial application and reciprocity. (1) Every employer who shall become bound by and subject to the provisions of compensation plan number one (1), and every employer and insurer who shall become bound by and subject to the provisions of compensation plan number two (2), and the industrial accident fund where the employer of the injured employee has become bound by and subject to the provisions of compensation plan No. 3, shall be liable for the payment of compensation in the manner and to the extent hereinafter provided to an employee who has elected to come under this act, and who shall receive an injury arising out of and in the course of his employment, or, in the case of his death from such injury, to his beneficiaries, if any -- er-if-nemer to--his--major-dependentsy-if-any;-ory-if-none;-to-his-minor dependents;-if-anv.

(2) If a workman WORKER employed in this state who is subject to the provisions of this act temporarily leaves the state incidental to that employment and receives an injury arising out of and in the course of such employment, the provisions of this act shall apply to such worken WORKER as though he were injured within this state.

(3) If a workman WORKER from another state and his 1 employer from another state are temporarily engaged in work within this state, this act shall not apply to them:

- (a) if the employer and employee are bound by the provisions of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Law or similar law of such other state which applies to them while they are in the state of Montana, and
 - (b) if the Werkmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act of this state is recognized and given effect as the exclusive remedy for workmen WORKERS employed in this state who are injured while temporarily employed in such other state.
 - (4) A certificate from an authorized officer of the workmen's WORKERS' compensation department or similar agency of another state certifying that an employer of such other state is bound by the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act of the state and that its act will be applied to employees of the employer while in the state of Montana shall be prima facie evidence of the application of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Law of the certifying state.
 - (5) The industrial-accident-board-shall-have-authority division may, with the approval of the governor, to enter agreements with werkmen's WORKERS' compensation agencies of other states for the purpose of promulgating regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this act carry out the extraterritorial application of the

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1	workmen's WORKERS' compensation laws of the agreeing
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3	Section 18. Section 92-707, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
4	read as follows:
5	"92-707. Compensation from what date paid. When an
6	injured-employee-has-no-wife,-child,-father,-mother,-brother
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13	injury Where the injured employee has a beneficiary era
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15	who would-be is entitled to compensation in case of his
16	death, no compensation shall be paid for the first week of
17	any injury, but if disability continues one (1) week,
18	compensation shall be paid from the date of injury.
19	provided; that However, separate benefits of medical and
20	hospital services shall be furnished from the date of
21	injury."
22	Section 19. Section 92-715, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
23	read as follows:
24	*92-715. Biweekly payments converted into a lump sum.
25	The biweekly payments provided for in this act may be

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1 converted, in whole or in part, into a lump-sum payment, 2 which lump-sum payment shall not exceed the estimated value 3 of the present worth of the deferred payments capitalized at the rate of two per-centum percent (2%) per annum. Such 5 conversion can only be made upon the written application of the injured workman, WORKER or his THE WORKER'S beneficiary, 7 or--major-or-minor-dependents,-as-the-case-may-be, and shall rest in the discretion of the beard division, both as to the amount of such lump-sum payment and the advisability of such conversion. The beard division is hereby vested with full 10 power, authority, and jurisdiction to compromise claims and 11 12 to approve compromises of claims under this actr. end--ell 13 All settlements and compromises of compensation provided in 14 this act shall-be-absolutely-null-and are void without the 15 approval of the board division. Any approval of the board 16 division must be in writing and set forth specifically the 17 reasons for such lump-sum or compromise payment." 18 Section 20. Section 92-804, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 19 read as follows: 20 "92-804. Misrepresenting payroll. Any employer who 21 shall-misrepresent misrepresents to the board division the 22 amount of a payroll upon which the premiums or assessments 23 under compensation plan number three are to be levied, or upon which fees for factory inspection, subsequent 24 25 inspection, or reinspection, as elsewhere provided in this HВ 22 -14-

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read as follows:

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 times the amount of difference between the amount paid and

 the amount which should have been paid. Such liability may

 be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the

 state. All sums collected under this section shall be paid

 into the fund to which the original payments were, or should

 have been credited."
- 8 Section 21. Section 92-806, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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- "92-806. Duplicate receipts paid for injuries to be filed--statements of medical expenditures. Every employer coming under the provisions of compensation plan number one, and every insurer coming under the provisions of compensation plan number two, shall, on or before the fifteenth day of each and every month, file with the industrial--accident--beard division duplicate receipts for all payments made during the previous month to injured workmen WORKERS or their beneficiaries or dependents; and statements showing the amounts expended during the previous month for medical, surgical, and hospital services, and for the burial of injured workmen WORKERS."
- 22 Section 22. Section 92-808, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 23 read as follows:
- 24 *92-808. Employers and insurers required to file
 25 reports of accidents. Every employer of labor and every

- 1 insurer is hereby required to file with the beard division, under such rules and-regulations as the board division may, from time to time make, a full and complete report of every accident to an employee arising out of or in the course of his employment and resulting in loss of life or injury to 6 such person. Such reports shall be furnished to the beard division in such form and such detail as the beard division shall from time to time prescribe, and shall make specific answers to all questions required by the beard division 10 under its rules and--regulations, except, in case he is 11 unable to answer any such questions, a good and sufficient 12 reason shall be given for such failure."
- 15 *92-809. Confidential information used, how. No 16 information furnished to the beard division by an employer 17 or an insurer shall be open to public inspection, or made 18 public except on order of the beard division, or by the 19 beard division or a member of the beard division, in the course of a hearing or proceeding. Any officer or employee 20 21 of the beard division who, in violation of the provisions of 22 this section, divulges any information, shall be guilty of a 23 misdemeanor."

Section 23. Section 92-809, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

24 Section 24. Section 92-812, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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1 "92-812. Hearings and investigations--technical rules. 2 All hearings and investigations before the beard division. or any member thereof, shall be governed by this act and by 3 4 rules of practice and procedure to be adopted by the board division, and in the conduct thereof neither the board division nor any member thereof shall be bound by the 7 technical rules of evidence. No informality in any proceedings or in the manner of taking testimony shall 9 invalidate any order, decision, award, rule, or regulation 10 made, approved, or confirmed by the board division.* 11 Section 25. Section 92-813, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

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- "92-813. Depositions may be taken. The board division, or any member thereof, or any party to the action or proceeding may, in any investigation or hearing before the beard division, cause the deposition of witnesses residing within or without the state to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for like depositions in civil actions in the district courts of this state, and to that end may compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents, papers, and accounts."
- 22 Section 26. Section 92-814, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 23 read as follows:
- 24 "92-814. Powers of beard division. The board division is hereby vested with full power, authority, and 25

- jurisdiction to do and perform any and all things, whether
- herein specifically designated or in addition thereto, which
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- authority, or jurisdiction conferred upon it under this
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- 6 Section 27. Section 92-814.1. R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- 7 to read as follows:
- "92-814.1. Requiring claimant to submit
- examination -- report of physician -- cost. In the event of a
- 10 dispute concerning the physical condition of a claimant, or
- 11 the cause or causes of his injury or disability, if any, the
- 12 board division, at the request of the claimant, employer or
- 13 insurer, as the case may be, shall require the claimant to
- 14 submit to such examination as it may deem desirable by a
- 15 physician or physicians within the state of Montana or
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- elsewhere who have had adequate and substantial experience
- in the particular field of medicine concerned with the

matters presented by the dispute. The physician making such

- 19 the examination shall file a written report of his findings
- 20 with the beard division for its use in the determination of
- the controversy involved. The board division shall pay the
- 22 physician for such the examination and shall be reimbursed
- 23 by the party who requested it."
- 24 Section 28. Section 92-815, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 25 read as follows:

"92-815. Powers to issue writs and process—fees for serving. (1) The board,—and—each—member—thereof—shall—have power—to division may issue writs of summons, warrants of attachment, warrants of commitment, and all necessary process in proceedings for contempt in like manner and to the same extent as courts of record. The process issued by the board—or—any—member—thereof division shall extend to all parts of the state, and may be served by any persons authorized to serve process of courts of record, or by any person designated for that purpose by the board,—or—any member—thereof division.

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(2) The person executing any such process shall receive such compensation as may be allowed by the beard division, not to exceed the fees now prescribed by law for similar service, and such fees shall be paid in the same manner as provided herein for the fees of witnesses."

Section 29. Section 92-816, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-816. Power to administer oaths, certify official acts, issue subpoenas--witness fees and mileage. The beard and---each---member--thereof division, its secretary and referees, shall-have-the--power--to may administer oaths, certify to all official acts, and to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, books, accounts, documents, and testimony in any inquiry,

investigation, hearing, or proceeding in any part of the state. Each witness who shall appear by order of the beard; or-any-member-thereof division shall be entitled to receive, 3 if demanded, for his attendance the same fees and mileage allowed by law to a witness in civil cases in the district court, which amount shall be paid by the party at whose request such witness is subpoenaed, unless otherwise ordered by the board division. When any witness, who has not been required to attend at the request of any party, is 10 subpoenaed by the board division, his fees and mileage may 11 be paid from the funds appropriated for the use of the beard division in the same manner as other expenses of the beard 12 13 division are paid. Any witness subpoenaed, except one whose 14 fees and mileage may be paid from the funds of the beard division, may at the time of service demand the fee to which 15 16 he is entitled for travel to and from the place at which he 17 is required to appear, and one day's attendance. If such witness demands such fees at the time of service and they 18 are not at that time paid or tendered, he shall not be 19 required to attend before the boardy-or-a-member-thereof 20 division or referee, as directed in the subpoena." 21 22 Section 30. Section 92-817, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

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*92-817. Power of district court concerning production

of testimony--contempt. The district court in and for the

county in which any inquiry, investigation, hearing, or proceeding may be held by the board, -er-any -- member -- thereof shall have the power to compel the attendance of division. witnesses, the giving of testimony, and the production of papers, books, accounts, and documents as required by any subpoena issued by the board, --er--any--member---thereof The boardy-or-any-member-thereofy division before whom the testimony is to be given or produced, in case of the refusal of any witness to attend or testify or produce any papers required by such subpoena, may report to the district court in and for the county in which the proceeding is pending, by petition, setting forth that due notice has been given of the time and place fixed for the attendance of said witness, or the production of said papers, and that the witness has been summoned in the manner prescribed in this act, and that the witness has failed and refused to attend, or produce the papers required by the subpoena before the board--or--any--member--thereof division in the case or proceeding named in the notice and subpoena, or has refused to answer questions propounded to him in the course of such proceedings, and ask an order of said the court compelling the witness to attend and testify or produce said papers before the board division. The court, upon the petition of the board, or any member of the board, division shall enter an order directing the witness to appear before the court at

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the time and place to be fixed by the court in such order, not more than ten days from the date of the order, and then and there show cause why he had not attended or testified. or produced such papers before the board division. of said the order shall be served upon said the witness. If it shall appear to the court that said the subpoena was regularly issued by the board, or-a-member-thereof, division and regularly served; the court shall thereupon enter an 9 order that said the witness appear at the time and place 10 fixed in said the order, and testify or produce the required 11 papers, and upon failure to obey said the order, said the 12 witness shall be dealt with as for contempt of court. The 13 remedy provided in this section is cumulative, and shall not 14 be construed to impair or interfere with the power of the 15 boardy---er--a--member--thereofy division to enforce the 16 attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, and to 17 punish for contempt, in the same manner and to the same 18 extent as courts of record."

19 Section 31. Section 92-818, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 20 read as follows:

"92-818. Certificates and certified copies as

evidence. Copies of official documents and orders filed or

deposited according to law in the office of the beard

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division, to be true copies of the original, shall be 2 evidence in like manner as the originals. In any court 3 proceeding, wherein the question as to whether or not an employer or employee has complied with and is operating 4 5 under or bound by the provisions of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act of the state of Montana, is a question for 6 7 determination, a certificate by a member of the beard Я division, or by the secretary under the official seal of the 9 beard division, certifying that such employer or employee has or has not complied with, and is or is not operating 10 11 under, and is or is not bound by the provisions of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act of the state of Montana, 12 13 shall be prima facie evidence thereof."

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read as follows:

"92-819. Apportionment of costs and disbursements incurred in any proceeding or hearing before the board, or a member-thereof, division may be apportioned between the parties on the same or adverse sides, in the discretion of the board division."

Section 32. Section 92-819, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

- 22 Section 33. Section 92-820, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 23 read as follows:
- 24 "92-820. Books, records and payrolls to be open to 25 inspection. The books, records, and payrolls of the

always be open to inspection by the beard division or any duly authorized employee thereof, for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the payroll, the number of men employed, and such other information as may be necessary for the board division and its management under this act. Refusal on the part of the employer to submit said books, records, and payrolls for such inspection shall subject the offending employer to a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense, to be collected by civil action in 10 11 the name of the state, and paid into the state treasury." Section 34. Section 92-821, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 12 13 read as follows: 14 "92-821. Jurisdiction of board division to hear disputes and controversies. All proceedings to determine 15 disputes or controversies arising under this act shall be 16 instituted before the board division, and not elsewhere, and 17 heard and determined by them the division, except as 18 otherwise in this act provided, and the beard division is 19

employer, pertinent to the administration of this act, shall

Section 35. Section 92-822, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

hereby vested with full power, authority, and jurisdiction

to try and finally determine all such matters, subject only

to review in the manner and within the time in this act

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"92-822. Presumption as to legality of rules, orders, 1 findings, etc., of beard division. All orders, rules, and 2 regulations, findings, decisions, and awards of the board 3 division in conformity with law shall be in force and shall 5 be prima facie lawful; and all such orders, rules, and regulations, findings, decisions, and awards shall be 6 7 conclusively presumed to be reasonable and lawful, until and 8 unless they are modified or set aside by the beard division 9 or upon review. " Section 36. Section 92-823, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 10

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read as follows:

*92-823. Time for filing--final findings and awards. The beard division shall hold the initial hearing to determine any dispute or controversy arising under this act within ninety (90) days from the date on which such disputed claim was filed with the board division. After a final hearing by the board division, it shall within thirty (30) days, make and file its findings upon all facts involved in the controversy, and its award, which shall state its determination as to the right of the parties."

Section 37. Section 92-824, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 21 read as follows:

"92-824. Power of beard division to award compensation 23 and time and manner of payment. The beard division in its award may fix and determine the total amount of compensation

to be paid, and specify the manner of payment, or may fix and determine the weekly disability indemnity to be paid, and order payment thereof during the continuance of such disability. providing -- however -- that -- the The payment of

such award and indemnity shall be in the same manner as that of undisputed awards and indemnities coming within the

particular plan provided for in this act to which said the

award and indemnity belong."

Section 38. Section 92-824.1, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: 10

"92-824.1. Increase in award for unreasonable delay or

refusal to pay. When payment of compensation has been 12 13 unreasonably delayed or refused, either prior or subsequent to the issuance of an award, the full amount of the order, 14 15 decision or award may be increased by ten per cent (10%) of

16 the weekly award. The guestion of unreasonable delay or refusal shall be determined by the beard division and such a 17

18 finding shall constitute good cause to rescind, alter or

19 amend any order, decision or award previously made in said

cause for the purpose of making the increase provided 20

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22 Section 39. Section 92-825, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 23 read as follows:

"92-825. When a nominal disability indemnity may be 24 awarded. If in any proceeding it is proved that an accident 25

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- 1 has happened for which the employer would be liable to pay compensation if disability has resulted therefrom, but it is not proved that an incapacity has resulted, the board 3 division may, instead of dismissing the application, award a 5 nominal disability indemnity if it appears that disability is likely to result at a future time."
- 7 Section 40. Section 92-826, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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- *92-826. Jurisdiction to rescind or amend any order, decision, award, etc. The beard division shall have continuing jurisdiction over all its orders, decisions, and awards, and may, at any time, upon notice, and after opportunity to be heard is given to the parties in interest. rescind, alter, or amend any such order, decision, or award made by it upon good cause appearing therefor. Provided, that the beard division shall not have power to rescind. alter, or amend any final settlement or award of compensation more than four (4) years after the same has been made, and provided further that the beard division shall not have the power to rescind, alter or amend any order approving a full and final compromise settlement of compensation. Any order, decision, or award rescinding, altering, or amending a prior order, decision, or award, shall have the same effect as original orders or awards."
- 25 Section 41. Section 92-827, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

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"92-827. Record of proceedings to be kept and testimony to be taken down--attorney's fees--transcripts on appeal -- indigent claimants. (1) A full and complete record shall be kept of all proceedings and hearings had before the beard, -er-any-member-thereef, division of any formal hearing had, and all testimony produced before the board -- or -- any member --- thereof division shall be taken down by a stenographic reporter appointed by the beard division, and the parties shall be entitled to be heard in person or by attorney.

- 12 (2) Whenever the claimant or plaintiff is represented 13 by an attorney either before the beard division or the courts, the industrial-accident-board division may, in its discretion or upon the application of the claimant or 15 plaintiff, fix the amount of the attorney fee of the 16 17 attorney representing the claimant or plaintiff, and the fee fixed by the beard division shall be paid by claimant or 18 19 plaintiff.
- 20 (3) In cases of an action to review any order or decision of the beard division, a transcript of such 21 22 testimony, together with all exhibits, and of the pleadings. records, and proceedings in the cause shall constitute the 24 record of the board division. Provided-further, that the beard The division must furnish a copy of such testimony.

written exhibits, pleadings, records and proceedings to the claimant without cost.

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(4) After judgment on appeal to the district court, an indigent claimant, deeming himself aggrieved, may file in said the court an affidavit that he does not have money, property or credit sufficient to pay for the cost of a transcript on appeal to the supreme court, and the clerk of court serve a copy by registered mail, return receipt requested, on the industrial-accident-beard; the division. The affidavit shall be prima facie evidence of the truth of the facts stated therein. in-the-event If the board-contest division contests the allegations, the court shall fix a date for the hearing thereof, not less than five (5) nor more than ten (10) days from the date of filing, and shall make its determination of the controversy, and if it be adjudged that the claimant does not have found and sufficient money, property or credit to pay for such the transcript, the order shall direct the industrial-accident board division to furnish the same at its expense to be paid from the industrial accident administrative earmarked revenue account.

(5) All proceedings on such appeal, including preparation, presentation and settlement of the bill of exceptions, shall be continued pending determination of the controversy.

1	(6) If the beard division does not contest th
2	allegations of the claimant's affidavit within ten (10) day
3	from receipt, it shall be deemed in default and the cour
4	shall make its order in favor of claimant on expiration of
5	such period."

- 6 Section 42. Section 92-828, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- 8 "92-828. Collateral attack not permitted. No orders or
 9 decisions of the beard division shall be subject to
 10 collateral attack, and may be reviewed or modified only in
 11 the manner provided therein."
- 12 Section 43. Section 92-829, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 13 read as follows:
- "92-829. Application for rehearing. At any time within
 twenty (20) days after the service of any order or decision
 of the board division, any party or parties aggrieved
 thereby may apply for a rehearing upon one or more of the
 following grounds, and upon no other grounds:
- 19 (1) That the beard division acted without or in excess
 20 of its powers:
- 21 (2) That the order, decision, or award was procured by 22 fraud:
 - (3) That the evidence does not justify the findings;
- 24 (4) That the applicant has discovered new evidence, 25 material to him, and which he could not, with reasonable

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- diligence, have discovered and produced at the hearing;
- 2 (5) That the findings do not support the order,
- 3 decision, or award;
- 4 (6) That the order, decision, or award is
- 5 unreasonable."
- 6 Section 44. Section 92-830, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 "92-830. Beard Division may at any time diminish or
- 9 increase an award. Nothing contained in the preceding
- 10 section shall, however, be construed to limit the right of
- 11 the beard division, at any time after the date of its award.
- 12 and from time to time after due notice and upon the
- 13 application of any party interested, to review, diminish, or
- 14 increase, within the limits provided by this act, any
- 15 compensation awarded upon the grounds that the disability of
- 16 the person in whose favor such award was made has either
- 17 increased or diminished or terminated."
- 18 Section 45. Section 92-831, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 19 read as follows:
- 20 *92-831. Application for rehearing--contents--rules of
- 21 procedure. The application for rehearing shall set forth
- 22 specifically and in full detail the grounds upon which the
- 23 applicant considers said the order, decision, award, rule,
- 24 or regulation to be unjust, or unlawful, and shall in other
- 25 respects conform to such rules and-regulations as the board
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- division may prescribe. The beard-shall-have-full-power-and
- 2 authority--to-make-and-prescribe division may adopt rules to
- 3 govern the procedure upon rehearing, and any matter before
- 4 it and any order made after such rehearing abroquing or
- 5 changing the original order shall have the same force and
- 6 effect as an original order, and shall not affect any right,
- 7 or enforcement of any right, arising from or by virtue of
- 8 the original order."
- 9 Section 46. Section 92-832, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 10 read as follows:
- 11 "92-832. Application for rehearing or appeal shall not
- 12 operate as stay. An application for rehearing or the appeal
- 13 hereinafter provided shall not excuse any employer,
- 14 employee, or other person from complying with or obeying any
- 15 order or requirement of the beard division, or operate in
- 16 any manner to stay or postpone the enforcement of an order
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- or requirement thereof, except as the beard division or the
- 18 court may direct."
- 19 Section 47. Section 92-834, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 20 read as follows:
- 21 *92-834. How appeal taken -- notice -- record --
- 22 trial. Said The appeal shall be taken by serving a written
- 23 notice-of-said-appeal-upon-the-chairman-of-such-industrial
- 24 accident-commission,-or-upon-any-other-member-thereof,-which
- 25 said-service-shall-be-made-by-the-delivery-of-a copy of such

a notice of appeal to--such--shairman--or--member, on the ADMINISTRATOR OF THE division and filing the original with the clerk of the court to which said the appeal is taken. A copy of such the notice must also be served upon the adversary party, if there-be any, by mailing the same copy to said the adversary party to such the address of such the party as said the party shall have left with the board division. If such the party shall-have has left no address with the beard division, then no service upon such the party shall be required. The order of filing and service of said the notice is immaterial. Immediately upon service upon said-beard the division of said the notice, the said--beard division shall certify to said the district court the entire record and proceedings, including all testimony and evidence taken by said-board the division, with the clerk of said the district court. Immediately upon the return of such the certified record, the district court shall fix a day for the hearing of said the cause, and shall cause notice to be served upon the board division and upon the appellant, and also upon the adversary party, if there be any. The court upon the hearing, for good cause shown, permit additional evidence to be introduced, but, in the absence of such permission from the court, the cause shall be heard on the record of the beard division, as certified to the court by it. The trial of the matter shall be de novo, and upon

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such trial the court shall determine whether or not the

board division regularly pursued its authority, and whether

or not the findings of the board division ought to be
sustained, and whether or not such findings are reasonable
under all the circumstances of the case."

Section 48. Section 92-835, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
read as follows:

"92-835. Appearances--setting aside conclusions,

orders, etc., of beard division -- judgment and findings. The 10 beard division and each party to the action or proceeding 11 before the board division shall have the right to appear in the proceeding, and it shall be the duty of the beard 12 13 division to so appear. If the court shall-find finds from 14 such the trial, as aforesaid, that the findings conclusions of the board division are not in accordance with 15 16 either the facts or the law, or that they ought to be other 17 or different than those made by the beard division, or that any finding and conclusion, or any order, rule, or 18 requirement of the beard division is unreasonable, the court 19 20 shall set aside such the finding, conclusion, 21 judgment, decree, rule, or requirement of said-board the

25 be required, or shall be legal and proper in the premises."

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Section 49. Section 92-836, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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*92-836. Appeals to supreme court. Either the beard division, or the appellant, or any adversary party, if there be one, may appeal to the supreme court of the state of Montana from any final order, judgment, or decree of the said district court, which said appeal shall be taken in like manner as appeals are now taken in other civil actions to the said supreme court, and upon such appeal the said supreme court shall make such orders in reference to a stay of proceedings as it finds to be just in the premises, and may stay the operation of any order, judgment, or decree of said the district court, without requiring any bond or undertaking from the applicant for such stay. When any such cause is so appealed it shall have precedence upon the calendar of the said supreme court, and shall be tried anew by said the supreme court upon the record made in said the district court and before said--board the division, and judgment and decree shall be entered therein as expeditiously as possible."

21 Section 50. Section 92-842, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

23 "92-842. Annual report--copies for general
24 distribution. The board division shall, not later than the
25 first-day-of October 1 of each year, make a report to the

governor covering its entire operations and proceedings for the preceding fiscal year, with such suggestions or recommendations as it may deem of value for public information. A reasonable number of copies of such report shall be printed for general distribution.*

6 Section 51. Section 92-903, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

*92-903. Employer permitted to carry on business and settle directly with employee -- renewal of application. If such employer, making such election, shall be found by the beard division to have the requisite financial ability to pay the compensation and benefits in this act provided for, then the beard division shall grant to such the employer permission to carry on his said business for the fiscal year within which such election is made, and such proof filed, or the remaining portion of such fiscal year, and to make such payments directly to his employees as they may become entitled to receive the same. Every employer, so long as he continues in his said employment, and so long as he continues to be bound by such compensation plan No. 1, shall, at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of each fiscal year, renew his application to be permitted to continue to make such payments as aforesaid directly to his employees for the next ensuing fiscal year, and under like circumstances as those mentioned for the granting of such

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permission upon such first application, the board may renew
the same from year to year."

3 Section 52. Section 92-904, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 4 read as follows:

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"92-904. Additional proof of solvency--revocation of order. The beard division may at any time require from any employer acting under compensation plan No. 1 additional proof of solvency and financial ability to pay the compensation provided by this act, and may at any time, upon notice to such employer of not less than ten (10) or more than twenty (20) days, after and upon a full hearing, revoke any order or approval theretofore made."

13 Section 53. Section 92-905, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-905. Requiring security of employer. If said industrial-accident-beard-shall-find the division finds that such an employer has does not have the financial responsibility for the payment of the compensation herein provided to be paid, which might reasonably be expected to be chargeable to such the employer during the fiscal year to be covered by such the permission, said-industrial-accident beard-must-so-find, and the division must require such the employer, before granting to him such permission, or before continuing or engaging in such employment, subject to the provisions of compensation plan No. 1, to give security for

such payment, which security must be in such an amount as 1 said-beard-shall-find the division finds is reasonable and 3 necessary to meet all liabilities of such the employer, which may reasonably and ordinarily be expected to accrue during such the fiscal year. Said The security must be deposited with the treasurer-of-the-board division, and may be a certain estimated per-sentum percent of said the employer's last preceding annual payroll, or a certain per centum percent of the established amount of his annual payroll for said the fiscal year or said the security may be 10 11 in the form of a bond or undertaking executed to said 12 industrial -- accident -- board the division in the amount to be 13 fixed by it with two (2) or more sufficient sureties, which 14 undertaking must be conditioned that such the employer will well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, all such sums and 15 16 amounts for which the employer shall become liable under the 17 terms of this act to his employees during said the fiscal 18 year; or such security may consist of any state, county, 19 municipal, or school district bonds, or the bonds or evidence of indebtedness of any individuals or corporations 20 21 which the beard-may-deem division deems solvent; and every such deposit and the character and amount of such securities 23 shall at all times be subject to approval, revision, or change by the board division as in its judgment may be 24 25 required, and upon proof of the final payment of the HB 0022/02 HB 0022/02

liability for which such securities are given, such securities, or any remaining part thereof, shall be returned to the depositor. The treasurer-of-the-board-and-his bondsmen-shall-be division is liable for the value and safekeeping of all such deposits or securities, and shall, at any time, upon demand of the a bondsmen or the depositor or-the-board, account for the same, and the earnings thereof.*

9 Section 54. Section 92-906, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-906. Failure of employer to pay compensation—duty of board division. Upon the failure of said the employer to pay any compensation provided for in this act, upon the terms and in the amounts and at the times when the same shall become due and payable, it the division shall be—the duty-of-such-state-accident-board, upon demand of the person to whom compensation is due, to apply any deposits made with the board division to the payment of the same, and it the division shall be—its—duty—to take the proper steps to convert any securities on deposit with the said-board division, or sufficient thereof, into cash and to pay the same upon the liabilities of said the employer, accruing under the terms of this act, and it—shall-be—its—duty—in—so far—as—the—same—shall—be—the division shall when necessary, to collect and enforce the collection of the liability of

all sureties upon any bonds which may be given by the said
employer to insure the payment of his said liability. And
to these ends, and for these purposes, the board division
shall be deemed to be the owner of said the deposit and
security and the obligee in said the bond in trust for the
said purposes, and may proceed in its own name to recover
upon such the bonds, or foreclose and liquidate said the
securities."

9 Section 55. Section 92-907, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-907. When employer to make deposit or security to guarantee payment of compensation. Within thirty (30) days after the happening of an accident where death or the nature of the injury renders the amount of future payments certain, or reasonably certain, the employer shall make a deposit or give security as herein defined with the treasurer-of-the board division for the protection and guaranty of the payment of such liability, in such sum as the board division may direct; provided; however, that However, if sufficient securities are already on deposit with the said-board division, or if the said-board-shall-have-determined division determines that the employer has sufficient financial responsibility to meet said the liability of the said the employer, together with other liabilities already accrued, no such additional deposit or security shall be

- demanded.*
- Section 56. Section 92-908, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 "92-908. When employer may be relieved from liability.
- 5 Any employer against whom liability may exist for
- 6 compensation under this act, may, with the approval of the
- 7 beard division, be relieved therefrom by:
- 8 (1) Depositing the present value or the estimated
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- 10 such liability exists, assuming interest at five per--centum
- 11 percent per annum, with the treasurer-of-the-board division;
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- 13 (2) Purchasing an annuity within the limitations
- 14 provided by law, in any insurance company granting
- 15 annuities, and authorized to transact business in this
- 16 state, subject to the approval of the beard division."
- 17 Section 57. Section 92-1002, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- 18 to read as follows:
- 19 "92-1002. Duty of employer electing plan No
- 20 2--amount of insurance necessary. Any employer electing to
- 21 become bound by compensation plan No. 2 shall make his
- 22 election on the form and in the manner prescribed by the
- 23 beard division. Such election shall be accompanied by a
- 24 certificate issued by the insurer on the form prescribed by
- 25 the board division, which shall state the effective date of

- 1 the policy insuring the employer, its expiration date and
- 2 such other information as may be required by the board
- 3 division to inform the beard division of the adequacy of the
- 4 insurance."
- 5 Section 58. Section 92-1004, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- to read as follows:
- 7 "92-1004. Agreement to be contained in policies of
- 8 insurance--deposit of bonds. No such policy shall be issued
- 9 unless it contains the agreement of the insurer that it will
- 10 promptly pay to the person entitled to compensation all the
- 11 installments of compensation or other payments in this act
- 12 provided for, and that the obligation shall not be affected
- 13 by any default of the insured after the injury, or by any
- 14 default in the giving of any notice required by such policy
- 15 or by this act or otherwise. Such agreement shall be
- 16 construed to be a direct promise by the insured to the
- 17 person entitled to compensation. Before issuance of any
- 18 policy by an insurer as herein authorized, such insurer must
- 19 deposit with the treasurer-of-the-industrial-accident-board
- 20 division, bonds of the United States or the state of
- 21 Montana, or of any school district, county, city or town in
- 22 the state of Montana, or a corporate surety bond made out to
- 23 and approved by the board division, in an amount not less
- 24 than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or more than one
- 25 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), as the industrial

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accident -- beard division may determine. If any insurer shall 1 fail fails to discharge any liability after the amount 2 thereof shall be determined by the beard division, and within the time limited by the division, board, -it-shall--be the--duty--ef--the-board-to the division shall convert said 5 the bonds, or such part thereof as is necessary, into cash, 6 7 the proceeds liquidate such liability; and from thereafter said the insurer must make an additional deposit 8 to meet any deficiency caused thereby. It is intended hereby 9 10 give the industrial -- ascident -- board division the 11 discretion in the matter of whether an insurer has failed to discharge any liability." 12

Section 59. Section 92-1005, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 13 14 to read as follows: "92-1005. (2982) Policies made subject to this 15

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act--assessment of insurers. (1) Every policy for the insurance of the compensation herein provided for, or against liability therefor, shall be deemed to be made subject to the provisions of this act. No insurer shall enter into any such policy of insurance unless its forms shall have been approved by the beard division, and as otherwise provided by law.

(2) On or before the-first-day-of July 1 of each year, the board division shall assess and each insurer shall pay to the beard division not to exceed three and one-fourths

per cent (3 1/4%) of its gross annual direct premiums collected in Montana on policies of insurance insuring

employers who elected to become bound by the compensation plan No. 2 during the previous calendar year, less return premiums. No such assessment shall be less than two hundred dollars (\$200). The treasurer-of-the-board division shall pay the amounts so collected into the state treasury. Payments by such the insurers under this section shall be considered as items of loss for rate-making purposes." Section 60. Section 92-1006, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: "92-1006. Renewals. Every certificate of renewal of such policy shall be made and delivered to said--beard the division at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the expiring policy." Section 61. Section 92-1067, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-1007. Deposits by insurer with beard division. Within thirty (30) days of the happening of an accident where death or the nature of the injury renders the amount of future payments certain or reasonably certain, the insurer shall make a deposit, as herein defined, with the treasurer-of-the--board division for the protection and quarantee of the payment of such liability in such sum as the beard division may direct, provided, that However, if

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the board division deems the amount on deposit by said the 1 insurer under the provisions of section 92-1004 sufficient to cover all liabilities of the insurer, then no further 3 deposit shall be required." Section 62. Section 92-1008, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 5 to read as follows: 6 7 "92-1008. How insurer relieved from liability. Any insurer against whom liability may exist for compensation 8 under this act, may, with the approval of the board 9 division, be relieved therefrom by: 10 11 (1) Depositing the present value or the estimated present value of the total unpaid compensation for which 12 such liability exists, assuming interest at five per-centum 13 14 percent per annum, with the treasurer-of-the-board division; 15 or, 16 (2) By purchasing an annuity within the limitations 17 provided by law in any insurance company granting annuities, and authorized to transact business in this state, subject 18 19 to the approval of the beard division." Section 63. Section 92-1009, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 20 to read as follows: 21 *92-1009. Cancellation of insurance policy. No policy 22 of insurance issued under the provisions of compensation 23 plan No. 2 shall be canceled within the time limited for its 24 expiration except upon thirty (30) days' notice to the 25

employer in favor of whom such policy is issued, and to the beard division, unless such policy sought to be canceled shall have been sooner replaced by other insurance." Section 64. Section 92-1010, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: "92-1010. Report of insurance companies to board division. Every insurance company transacting business under this act shall, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the board division, make and file with the board division such reports of accidents as the board division may require." Section 65. Section 92-1101, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: *92-1101. What necessary in electing plan No. 3--percentage of payroll to be paid under plan. COMPENSATION PLAN NUMBER THREE Every employer subject to the provisions of compensation plan No. 3 shall at the times and in the manner prescribed by the industrial-accident-board division, pay to the industrial-accident-board division a premium based on a percentage of his payroll as determined by the industrial accident -- board division which shall be a member of a rating organization in accordance with the provisions of this act." Section 66. Section 92-1102, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

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"92-1102. Permitting employers to elect to comply and come under the provisions of this act. An employer shall comply with the provisions of this act, in which event he will not be liable to respond in damages at common law or by statute for injury or death of an employee and shall enjoy the benefits and privileges of this act. The employee of the employer is considered to come under the provisions of this act unless the employee executes and files with the division on proper forms to be furnished for that purpose, a specific election not to be so bound, in which event he shall not enjoy the benefits or privileges of this act until the election is withdrawn."

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Section 67. Section 92-1103, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

*92-1103. Manner of electing-contract or policy of insurance-payment of premium. The industrial-accident-board division shall prescribe the procedure by which employers may elect to be bound by compensation plan No. 3, the effective time of such election and the manner in which such election is terminated for reasons other than default in payment of premiums. Every employer electing to be bound by compensation plan No. 3 shall receive from the industrial accident-board division a contract or policy of insurance in a form approved by the board division. The premium thereon shall be paid by the employer, to the industrial-accident

beard division at such times as the beard division shall prescribe and shall be paid over by the beard division to the state treasurer to the credit of the industrial insurance account in the agency fund."

Section 68. Section 92-1104, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

7 "92-1104. Classifications by beard division. The industrial-accident-beard division is hereby given full 9 power and authority to determine premium rates and 10 classifications as in its judgment and experience, and as 11 member of a rating organization as is otherwise provided for in this code, may be necessary or expedient, provided that 12 no change in the classification or rates prescribed shall be 13 effective until thirty (30) days after the date of the Order 14 15 making such change. "

16 Section 69. Section 92-1105, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 17 to read as follows:

*92-1105. Intent and purpose of plan No. 3. (1) It is the intent and purpose of compensation plan No. 3 that each industry, trade, occupation or employment coming under the provisions of said the plan shall be liable to pay for injuries happening to employees coming under the provisions

23 of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act.

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fund, and securities acquired by or through use of money shall be deposited in the industrial insurance account in the agency fund.

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(3) The industrial insurance program shall be neither more nor less than self-supporting. Employments affected by the provisions hereof shall be divided by the beard division as a member of a rating organization into classes, whose rates may be readjusted at such times as the beard division as a member of such rating organization may determine. Separate accounts shall be kept of the amounts collected and expended in each class for determining rates but for payment of compensation and dividends the industrial insurance account shall be one and indivisable. The beard division as a member of such rating organization shall determine the hazards of the different classes of occupations or industries and fix the premiums therefor at the lowest rate consistent with maintenance of a solvent industrial insurance fund, and the creation of surplus and reserves and for such purpose may adopt a system of schedule rating in such a manner as to take account of the peculiar hazard of each risk, and shall take advantage of the experience and information afforded to it as a member of such rating organization.

24 (4) The beard division in fixing rates shall provide 25 for the expenses of administering the industrial insurance account allowed by law, the disbursements on account of injuries and deaths of employees in each class, an adequate

3 catastrophe reserve, reserves adequate to meet anticipated

4 and unexpected losses, and such other reserves and surplus

5 as may be determined by the beard division as a member of

6 such rating organization."

7 Section 70. Section 92-1105.1, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

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employment. If by reason of poor or careless management, or otherwise, any place of employment be is unduly dangerous in comparison with other like places of employment, and the

"92-1105.1. Advanced rate for dangerous places of

employer operating the same shall has not have complied with the safety provisions of the Montana Safety Act, and such

15 the employer shall-be is under compensation plan number 3,

16 the beard <u>division</u>, in addition to any other penalty

17 provided, shall advance the rate upon such place of

18 employment fifty (50) per centr. and-such The advanced rate

19 shall continue and be in force until such the place of

20 employment shall-have has ceased to be unduly dangerous in

21 comparison with other like places of employment and such the

22 employer shall-have has obtained a certificate of the board

23 division."

24 Section 71. Section 92-1108, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

25 to read as follows:

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"92-1108. In case of default, rates to be advanced twenty-five per cent (25%). Any employer who is in default in the observance of any order of the beard division, issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 92-1101 to 92-1105, inclusive, shall, in addition to any other penalty provided by this act, be charged an advance of twenty-five per-centum percent (25%) over the established rate, and such advanced rate shall continue and be in force until such the employer shall-have has ceased to be in such default."

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Section 72. Section 92-1110, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

*92-1110. Surplus in industrial insurance account. If at the end of any fiscal year, there exists in the industrial insurance account in the agency fund an excess of assets over liabilities, and a reasonable surplus, such liabilities to include necessary reserves, which excess may be divided safely, then the board division may declare a dividend in such manner as the rules of the board division may prescribe, to those employers who have paid premiums into the industrial insurance account in the agency fund in excess of liabilities chargeable to them in the account in the agency fund for that year. In determining the amount or proportion of such the balance to which the employer is entitled as dividends, the board division shall give consideration to the prior paid premiums and accident

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experience of each individual employer during the dividend year."

3 Section 73. Section 92-1112, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 4 to read as follows:

"92-1112. Investment of reserve--payment installments. The treasurer-of-the-board division shall turn over such the reserve to the state board of land commissioners investments to be invested and the same shall be invested by said-state the board of land--commissioners 10 investments as part of the long term investment fund and out 11 of the same and its earnings shall be paid the monthly installments, and any lump sum, then or thereafter arranged 12 13 fort. provided: --however---that However, when there is 14 sufficient money in the industrial insurance account in the agency fund to meet such compensation payments, any surplus 15 16 remaining may be invested as specified in this section."

"92-1113. Treasurer <u>Division</u> to keep accounts of segregations. The treasurer-of-the-board <u>division</u> shall keep an accurate account of all such segregations of the industrial insurance account in the agency fund, and upon direction-of-the-board shall divert from the account any sums necessary to meet monthly payments, pending the conversion into cash of any security, and in such case shall

Section 74. Section 92-1113, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

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Section 75. Section 92-1114, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-1114. Collection in case of default employer -- cancellation of right to operate under plan No. 3 for failure to pay premium. (1) If any employer under plan No. 3 shall default in any payment to the industrial accident-beard division, the sum due may be collected by an action at law in the name of the state and such right of action shall be cumulative. The industrial -- accident -- board division is hereby authorized in its discretion to cancel an employer's right to operate under plan No. 3 of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act for failure to pay the premiums duer. provided -- that -- when When the industrial accident -- board division makes an order canceling an employer's right for failure to pay premiums it shall be the duty of the industrial-accident-beard division to make such order at least thirty (30) days before the cancellation becomes effective and to send a formal notice to the sheriff or sheriffs of the county or counties where the employer is operating, and it shall be the duty of the said sheriff or sheriffs to post a notice in at least three (3) conspicuous places where the workmen WORKERS can readily see said notices, to the effect that the industrial-accident-board division has canceled the right of the said employer to operate under the act; and said notice shall give the date
of the effectiveness of said order. After said the
cancellation date the said employer shall have the same
status as an employer who is not enrolled under the
Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act.

6 (2) When an employer's right to operate has been
7 canceled by the beard division for failure to pay premiums
8 and when the beard division, in its discretion finds that
9 the property and assets of said the employer are not
10 sufficient to pay said the premiums, the beard division may
11 compromise said the claim for premiums and accept a payment
12 of an amount less than the total amount due."

Section 76. Section 92-1115, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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to read as follows:

"92-1115. Injury happening while employer is in default. For any injury happening to any of his-workmen THE EMPLOYER'S WORKERS during default in any payment to the industrial-accident-board division, the defaulting employer as to such injury shall be considered as having elected not to come under the provisions of this act, except that he shall be and remain liable to pay to the industrial-accident board division the amount of such default, together with the penalty prescribed by section 92-1108."

Section 77. Section 92-1117, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

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"92-1117. Prosecution or settlement of cause of action. Any cause of action assigned to the state under the preceding section may be prosecuted or compromised by the board division, in its discretion."

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5 Section 78. Section 92-1118, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 6 to read as follows:

"92-1118. Application for compensation under plan No.

3. Where a workman WORKER is entitled to compensation under compensation plan No. 3, he THE WORKER shall file with the beard division his AN application therefor, together with the certificate of the physician who attended him, and it shall be the duty of such physician to lend all necessary assistance in making application for compensation and such proof of other matters as may be required by the rules of the beard division without charge to the workman; provided; that—the The filing of a certificate of the attending physician shall does not constitute a sworn claim for compensation."

19 Section 79. Section 92-1119, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 20 to read as follows:

"92-1119. Payment of physician. For a proper compliance with the provisions of the preceding section, the physician, after approval by the beard division, shall be paid out of the beard's division's administrative moneys in the earmarked revenue fund, one and one-half dollars (\$1.50)

1 for each case."

2 Section 80. Section 92-1120, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 3 to read as follows:

"92-1120. Application in case of death. Where death results from the injury, the parties entitled to compensation under compensation plan No. 3, or someone in their behalf, shall make application for the same to the board division. The application must be accompanied with proof of death and proof of relationship, showing the parties entitled to compensation, certificate of the attending physician, if any, and such other proof as may be required by the rules of the board division."

Section 81. Section 92-1122, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-1122. Disbursements out of industrial accident 15 16 account -- employer to pay warrant. Disbursements out of the industrial insurance account in the agency fund shall be 17 made by the treasurer-of-the-board-as-the--board--may--order 18 19 division. If at any time there shall is not be sufficient 20 money in the account with which to pay any warrants drawn thereon, the employer, on account of whose workmen WORKERS the warrant was drawn, shall pay the same, and upon his next 22 contribution to such the account he shall be credited with 23 24 the amount so paid, with interest thereon at the rate of six 25 per--centum percent per annum from the date of such payment

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to the date upon which the next assessment becomes payable;

and if the amount of the credit exceeds the amount of such

assessment, he shall have a warrant upon such account for

the excess, and if said the warrant be is not paid for want

of funds, it shall be credited to such the employer and be

applied upon succeeding assessments."

7 Section 82. Section 92-1123, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 8 to read as follows:

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"92-1123. Earnings and interest on deposits—treasurer to-make—ne-profit. All earnings made by the industrial insurance account in the agency fund by reason of interest paid for the deposit thereof, or otherwise, shall be credited to and become a part of said the account, and the making of profit, either directly or indirectly, by the treasurer—of-the-board,—or any other person, out of the use of the account shall constitute a felony, and on conviction thereof shall subject the person making such profit to imprisonment in the state penitentiary for a term not exceeding two years, or a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both such fine and imprisonment, and the-treasurer—of-the-board—shall—be-liable—upon—his-official bond—for-all—profits—realized—for-any-unlawful—usc—of—the account."

24 Section 83. Section 92-1401, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 25 to read as follows:

1	"92-1401. Reference to vocational rehabilitation
2	division of injured workmen WORKERS. The industrial-accident
3	board-of-the-state-of-Montana division of workmen's WORKERS'
4	compensation shall refer to the vocational-rehabilitation
5	division-of-the-board-of-education-of-the-stateofMontane
6	department of social and rehabilitation services werkmen
7	WORKERS who have become permanently disabled as the result
8	of injuries sustained within the scope and course of
9 .	employment by an employer enrolled under the Workmen's
10	WORKERS' Compensation Act of the state of Montana and who in
11	the opinion of said-board the division can be vocationally
12	rehabilitated7and-said-vocational-rehabilitation-division
13	The department of social and rehabilitation services shall
14	provide for the vocational rehabilitation of such the
15	injured workmen WORKERS under the provisions of Title 41,
16	Chapter 8, RevisedGodesofMontana, R.C.M. 1947 and
17	amendments-thereto."

Section 84. Section 92-1402, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

20 *92-1402. Certification of determination to industrial
21 accident---beard division--review of award. When said
22 vecational-rehabilitation-division the department of social
23 and rehabilitation services has provided all feasible

23 <u>and rehabilitation services</u> has provided all feasible
24 vocational rehabilitation to such an injured workmen WORKER

25 or has determined that vocational rehabilitation is not

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possible or feasible, it shall certify its determination to said-industrial-accident-board the division, at which time said-board the division shall reconsider and review any previous award of compensation to such the injured workman WORKER which is then in effect."

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6 Section 85. Section 92-1406, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 7 to read as follows:

"92-1406. Industrial accident rehabilitation account.

(1) The payments provided in section 92-1403 shall be made from the industrial accident rehabilitation account in the agency fund. Payments to such the account shall be made on or before the-first-day-of July 1 of each year as follows:

(1) (a) By each employer operating under the provisions of plan one of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act, an amount to be assessed by the industrial-accident-board division, not exceeding one per cent (1%) of the compensation paid to the employer's injured employees in Montana for the preceding fiscal year.

(2) (b) By each insurer insuring employers under the provisions of plan two of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act an amount to be assessed by the industrial accident--beard division, not exceeding one per cent (1%) of the compensation paid to injured employees of its insured in Montana during the preceding fiscal year.

(3) (c) By the industrial-accident--board division an

amount to be determined by the industrial-assident-board

division, not exceeding one per cent (1%) of the

compensation paid to injured employees in Montana from the

industrial insurance account in the agency fund and the

occupational disease account in the agency fund for the

preceding fiscal year.

(2) Separate accounts of the amounts collected and disbursements made from the industrial accident rehabilitation account in the agency fund shall be kept for each of the plans. If in any fiscal year, the amount collected from the employers under any plan exceeds the amount of payments for employees of the employers under such plan, the assessment against the employers under such plan for the following year shall be reduced.

(3) The payments herein provided for shall be made to the industrial-accident-board division which shall credit the sums paid to the said industrial accident rehabilitation account which shall be in the custody of the state treasurer. Disbursements from the said account shall be made after approval by the division-of-vocational-rehabilitation department of social and rehabilitation services and upon audit and approval by the state-controller-and-purchasing agent department of administration.

24 (4) No part of the funds allocated or contributed as 25 herein provided and contemplated shall be used in payment of

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L	administrative expenses of the industrialaccidentbeard
2	division or vecational-rehabilitation-division department of
1	social and rehabilitation services."
ŀ	SECTION 86. SECTION 92-101, R.C.M. 1947, IS AMENDED TO
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"92-101. Name of act -- what each part to contain. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Workmen's Compensation Act or the Workers' Compensation Act. Part I (sections 92-101 to 92-843) shall contain those sections which have a general application to the whole of the act, and may be referred to as the "general provisions"; part II (sections 92-901 to 92-908) shall contain those sections which refer to compensation plan number one; part III (sections 92-1001 to 92-1012) shall contain those sections which refer to compensation plan number two; part IV (sections 92-1101 to 92-1123) shall contain those sections which refer to compensation plan number three."

18 SECTION 87. SECTION 82A-1004, R.C.M. 1947, IS AMENDED

19 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"82A-1004. Division of workmen's workers' compensation

-- creation -- head. (1) There is created a division of

workmen's workers' compensation within the department. The

division head is an administrator appointed by the governor

as are directors in accordance with section 82A-106 of this

act. Any reference in the Revised Codes of Montana, 1947 to

- Any reference in the Revised Codes of Montana, 1947 to the
- 2 industrial accident board or the division of workmen's
- 3 compensation means the division of workers' compensation.
- 4 (2) The division is allocated to the department for

administrative purposes only as prescribed in section

- 6 82A-108 of this act. However, the division may hire its own
- 7 personnel, and section 82A-108(2)(d) does not apply.
- 8 Section 88. Sections 92-104, 92-105, 92-108 through
- 9 92-110, 92-112 through 92-115, 92-414, 92-415, 92-419,
- 10 92-420, 92-427, 92-428, 92-430, 92-431, 92-611, 92-612,
- 11 92-841, 92-843, 92-1404, R.C.M. 1947 are repealed.

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1 .	HOUSE BILL NO. 22
2	INTRODUCED BY W. BAETH
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT FOR THE CODIFICATION
5	AND GENERAL REVISION OF THE LAWS RELATING TO THE WORKMEN'S
6	COMPENSATION ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 82A-1004, 92-101,
7	92-111, 92-117, 92-118, 92-119, 92-120, 92-206, 92-426,
8	92-429, 92-432, 92-502, 92-506, 92-507, 92-508, 92-607,
9	92-608, 92-609, 92-614, 92-707, 92-715, 92-804, 92-806,
10	92-808, 92-809, 92-812, 92-813, 92-814, 92-814.1, 92-815,
11	92-816, 92-817, 92-818, 92-819, 92-820, 92-821, 92-822,
12	92-823, 92-824, 92-824.1, 92-825, 92-826, 92-827, 92-828,
13	92-829, 92-830, 92-831, 92-832, 92-834, 92-835, 92-836,
14	92-842, 92-903, 92-904, 92-905, 92-906, 92-907, 92-908,
15	92-1002, 92-1004, 92-1005, 92-1006, 92-1007, 92-1008,
16	92-1009, 92-1010, 92-1101, 92-1102, 92-1103, 92-1104,
17	92-1105, 92-1105.1, 92-1108, 92-1110, 92-1112, 92-1113,
18	92-1114, 92-1115, 92-1117, 92-1118, 92-1119, 92-1120,
19	92-1122, 92-1123, 92-1401, 92-1402, 92-1406, R.C.M. 1947,
20	AND REPEALING SECTIONS 92-104, 92-105, 92-108 THROUGH
21	92-110, 92-112 THROUGH 92-115, 92-414, 92-415, 92-419,
22	92-420, 92-427, 92-428, 92-430, 92-431, 92-611, 92-612,
23	92-841, 92-843, 92-1404, R.C.M. 1947."
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25	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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Section 1. Section 92-111, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
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     read as follows:
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           *92-111. Office and furnishings--quarters. The board
                shall keep its principal office in the capital of
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     the state. It may rent or lease quarters for the conduct of
     its administrative duties."
          Section 2. Section 92-117, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
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     read as follows:
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          "92-117.
                     Blank forms, minutes and records. The board
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     division shall cause to be printed such blank forms as it
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     shall deem requisite to facilitate or promote the efficient
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     which shall be entered the minutes of all its proceedings, a
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     book of record in which shall be recorded all awards made by
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     the beard division, and such other books or records as it
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     administration of this act. All such records are to be kept
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in the office of the beard division."

read as follows:

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Section 3. Section 92-118, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

"92-118. Reports and bulletins which may be published.

The beard division shall have the power and authority to

publish and distribute at its discretion from time to time,

in addition to its report required by section 2 [82-4002] of

this act, such further reports and bulletins covering its

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operations, proceedings, and matters relative to its work as it may deem advisable."

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- 3 Section 4. Section 92-119, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- 5 "92-119. Fees of board division. The board division
 6 shall have power and authority to charge and collect the
 7 following fees:
- \$\frac{\tau}{\text{tr}}\$ (1) For copies of papers and records not required

 9 to be certified or otherwise authenticated by the board

 10 division, fifteen cents (15¢) for each folio; for certified

 11 copies of official documents and orders filed in its office,

 12 or of the evidence taken at any hearing, twenty cents (20¢)

 13 for each folio.
- 16 37 (3) The fees charged and collected under this
 17 section shall be paid monthly into the treasury of the
 18 state, to the credit of the earmarked revenue fund, and
 19 shall be accompanied by detailed statement thereof."
- Section 5. Section 92-120, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- egal adviser of board division. (1) The attorney general shall be the legal adviser of the board division, and shall represent it in all proceedings whenever so requested by the board division or

1 any member thereof.

2 (2) And-it-is-further-provided-that-the-board The
3 division may, in the investigation and defense of cases
4 under plan three of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act,
5 employ such other attorney or legal adviser, as it deems
6 necessary, and pay for the same out of the industrial
7 insurance account in the agency fund."

8 Section 6. Section 92-206, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 9 read as follows:

92-206. Compensation plan No. 3 exclusive, etc., when a public corporation is the employer. Where a public corporation is the employer, the terms, conditions, and provisions of compensation plan No. 3 shall be exclusive, compulsory, and obligatory upon both employer and employee. Any sums necessary to be paid under the provisions of this act by any public corporation shall be considered to be ordinary and necessary expense of such corporation, and the governing body of such public corporation shall make appropriation of and pay such sums, into the accident or administration fund, as the case may be, at the time and in the manner provided for in this act, notwithstanding that such governing body may have failed to anticipate such ordinary and necessary expense in any budget, estimate of appropriations, ordinances, orotherwise. expenses, Whenever a contractor is engaged as an employer in the

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performance of contract work for a public corporation, such employer must elect to be bound by the terms, conditions and 2 provisions of either compensation plan No. 3 compensation plan No. 3, and the terms, conditions and provisions of the plan chosen shall be compulsory and obligatory upon both employer and employee. Whenever any public corporation neglects or refuses to file with the 7 industrial-assident-board division monthly payroll report of 8 its employees, the board-is-hereby-authorized-and--empowered to division may levy an arbitrary assessment upon such 10 public corporation in an amount of twenty-five dollars for 11 each such assessment, which assessments shall be collected 12 in the manner provided in this act for the collection of 13 14 assessments."

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Section 7. Section 92-426, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-426. Board-defined: "Board"-means--the--industrial accident--board--of-the-state-of-Montanar Division defined. "Division" means the division of workmen's WORKERS ' compensation of the department of labor and industry provided for in section 82A-1004, R.C.M. 1947."

Section 8. Section 92-429, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 22 read as follows: 23

*92-429. Order defined. *Order* shall-mean-and-include 24 regulation, direction, rule, 25 means any decision,

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requirement, or standard of the beard division, or any other determination arrived at or decision made by such-beard, -the division excepting--general--or--local--orders--as--herein \ 3 specified."

Section 9. Section 92-432, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

92-432. Payroll defined--estimate to establish payroll. "Payroll," "annual payroll" or "annual payroll for the preceding year, " means the average annual payroll of the employer for the preceding calendar year, or, if the employer shall not have operated a sufficient or any length of time during such calendar year, twelve times the average 13 \ monthly payroll for the current year; provided, that an estimate may be made by the beard division for any employer starting in business where no average payrolls are available, such estimate to be adjusted by additional payment by the employer or refund by the beard division, as the case may actually be on December 31st of such current year."

Section 10. Section 92-502, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 20 21 read as follows:

"92-502. When compensation to beneficiaries,-major--or minor--dependents or widow ceases. If any beneficiaries or major-or-minor-dependents of a deceased employee die, or if the widow or widower remarry, the right of such beneficiary

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or-major-or-minor-dependent or such widow or widower to compensation under this act shall cease."

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Section 11. Section 92-506, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-506. No compensation to nonresident beneficiaries until when. Before payment of compensation to a beneficiary not residing within the United States, satisfactory proof of such relationship as to constitute a beneficiary under this act shall be furnished by such beneficiary, duly authenticated under seal of an officer of a court of law in the country where such beneficiary resides, at such times and in such manner as may be required by the beard division. And such proof shall be conclusive as to the identity of such beneficiary, and any other claim of any other person to any such compensation shall be barred from and after the filing of such proof."

Section 12. Section 92-507, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-507. Payment to nonresident beneficiaries made to whom. Payment of compensation to a beneficiary not residing within the United States may be made to any plenipotentiary, or consul, or consular agent within the United States, representing the country in which such nonresident beneficiary resides, and the written receipt of such prenipotentiary, or consul, or consular agent shall acquit

the employer, the insurer, or the beard division, as the
case may be."

3 Section 13. Section 92-508, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 4 read as follows:

"92-508. Compensation paid to parent or guardian. Where payment is due to a child under eighteen (18) years of age or to a person adjudged incompetent, the same shall be made to the parent or to the duly appointed guardian, as the case may be, and the written receipt of such parent or guardian shall acquit the employer, the insurer or beard division, as the case may be, of further liability. In other cases, payment shall be made to the person entitled thereto or to his duly authorized representative."

14 Section 14. Section 92-607, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-607. Work to be paid for in property other than money-wages. Where any employer procures any work to be done, payment for which is to be made in property other than money or its equivalent, and the value of which property is speculative or intangible, the wages of the employees receiving such compensation shall be determined by the beard division in accordance with the going wage for the same or similar work in the district or locality where the same is to be performed? provided, however, that However, where an employer procures any work to be done by any contractor, or

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through him by a subcontractor, the payment for which is to be made in property other than money or its equivalent, and the value of which property is speculative or intangible, then and in that event, the employer shall not be liable for compensation, but such liability shall fall upon the contractor or subcontractor, as the case may be.

Section 15. Section 92-608, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

*92-608. Compensation in case of death of employee-determination of beneficiary, etc. (1) If an injured employee dies and the injury was the proximate cause of such death, then the beneficiary, er-the-majer-er-minor dependents of the deceased, as the case may be, shall receive the same compensation as though the death occurred immediately following the injury, but the period during which the death benefit shall be paid shall be reduced by the period during or for which compensation was paid for the injury.

(2) If the employee shall die from some cause other than the injury, there shall be no liability for compensation after his death.

(3) The question as to who constitutes a beneficiary, or-a-major-or-minor-dependent, shall be determined as of the date of the happening of the accident to the employee, whether death shall immediately result therefrom or not."

Section 16. Section 92-609, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-609. Examination of employee by physician--request or order for--physician may testify. (1) Whenever in case of injury the right to compensation under this act would exist in favor of any employee, he shall, upon the written request of his employer or the insurer, submit from time to time to examination by a physician, who shall be provided and paid for by such employer or insurer, and shall likewise submit to examination from time to time by any physician selected by the board division, or any member or examiner, or referee thereof.

(2) The request or order for such examination shall fix a time and place therefor, due regard being had to the convenience of the employee and his physical condition and ability to attend at the time and place fixed. The employee shall be entitled to have a physician, provided and paid for by himself, present at any such examination. So long as the employee, after such written request, shall fail or refuse to submit to such examination, or shall in any way obstruct the same, his right to compensation shall be suspended. Any physician employed by the employer, the insurer, or the beard division, who shall make or be present at any such examination, may be required to testify as to the results

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Section 17. Section 92-614, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-614. Who liable for injuries under the different plans of act and in what amounts, extraterritorial application and reciprocity. (1) Every employer who shall become bound by and subject to the provisions of compensation plan number one (1), and every employer and insurer who shall become bound by and subject to the provisions of compensation plan number two (2), and the industrial accident fund where the employer of the injured employee has become bound by and subject to the provisions of compensation plan No. 3, shall be liable for the payment of compensation in the manner and to the extent hereinafter provided to an employee who has elected to come under this act, and who shall receive an injury arising out of and in the course of his employment, or, in the case of his death from such injury, to his beneficiaries, if any -- or -- if-none to--his--major-dependentsy-if-anyy-ory-if-noney-to-his-minor dependents-if-any.

(2) If a werkmen <u>WORKER</u> employed in this state who is subject to the provisions of this act temporarily leaves the state incidental to that employment and receives an injury arising out of and in the course of such employment, the provisions of this act shall apply to such werkmen <u>WORKER</u> as though he were injured within this state.

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(3) If a workman WORKER from another state and his employer from another state are temporarily engaged in work within this state, this act shall not apply to them:

(a) if the employer and employee are bound by the provisions of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Law or similar law of such other state which applies to them while they are in the state of Montana, and

- (b) if the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act of this state is recognized and given effect as the exclusive remedy for workmen WORKERS employed in this state who are injured while temporarily employed in such other state.
- (4) A certificate from an authorized officer of the workmen's WORKERS' compensation department or similar agency of another state certifying that an employer of such other state is bound by the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act of the state and that its act will be applied to employees of the employer while in the state of Montana shall be prima facie evidence of the application of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Law of the certifying state.
- (5) The industrial-accident-board-shall-have-authority division may, with the approval of the governor, to enter into agreements with workmen's WORKERS' compensation agencies of other states for the purpose of promulgating regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this act to carry out the extraterritorial application of the

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werkmen's WORKERS' compensation laws of the agreeing 1 states." Section 18. Section 92-707, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 3 read as follows: 4 *92-707. Compensation from what date paid. When an 5 injured-employee-has-no-wifey-childy-fathery-mothery-brother 6 or-sister-residing-within-the-U--nited--States--who--weald--be 7 entitled---to---compensation---in--case--of--his--death;--no 8 compensation-shalk-be-allowed-or-paid-during-the-first--week 9 of--any--injury,-except-as-may-be-required-by-the-provisions 10 of-the-preseding-section;-but-if--disability--continues--one 11 (1)--weeky--compensation--shall--be--paid--from--the-date-of 12 iniury --- Where the injured employee has a beneficiary er--a 1.3 major--or--minor-dependent-residing-within-the-United-States 14 who would-be is entitled to compensation in case of his 15 death, no compensation shall be paid for the first week of 16 any injury, but if disability continues one (1) week, 17 compensation shall be paid from the date of injury,. 18 provided, that However, separate benefits of medical and 19 hospital services shall be furnished from the date of 20 injury." 21 Section 19. Section 92-715, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 22 23 read as follows: *92-715. Biweekly payments converted into a lump sum.

The biweekly payments provided for in this act may be

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converted, in whole or in part, into a lump-sum payment, which lump-sum payment shall not exceed the estimated value of the present worth of the deferred payments capitalized at the rate of two per-centum percent (2%) per annum. Such conversion can only be made upon the written application of the injured workman, WORKER or his THE WORKER'S beneficiary, or-major-or-minor-dependents, -as-the-case-may-be; and shall rest in the discretion of the board division, both as to the amount of such lump-sum payment and the advisability of such 9 10 conversion. The beard division is hereby vested with full 11 power, authority, and jurisdiction to compromise claims and to approve compromises of claims under this acty. and--all 12 13 All settlements and compromises of compensation provided in 14 this act shall-be-absolutely-null-and are void without the 15 approval of the board division. Any approval of the board 16 division must be in writing and set forth specifically the 17 reasons for such lump-sum or compromise payment." 18 Section 20. Section 92-804, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

*92-804. Misrepresenting payroll. Any employer who

which fees for factory inspection, subsequent

shall-misrepresent misrepresents to the board division the

amount of a payroll upon which the premiums or assessments

under compensation plan number three are to be levied, or

inspection, or reinspection, as elsewhere provided in this

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1	act, are based, shall be liable to the state in ten (10)
2	times the amount of difference between the amount paid and
3	the amount which should have been paid. Such liability may
4	be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the
5	state. All sums collected under this section shall be paid
6	into the fund to which the original payments were, or should
7	have been credited."

8 Section 21. Section 92-806, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 9 read as follows:

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"92-806. Duplicate receipts paid for injuries to be filed--statements of medical expenditures. Every employer coming under the provisions of compensation plan number one, and every insurer coming under the provisions of compensation plan number two, shall, on or before the fifteenth day of each and every month, file with the industrial--assident--board division duplicate receipts for all payments made during the previous month to injured workmen WORKERS or their beneficiaries or dependents; and statements showing the amounts expended during the previous month for medical, surgical, and hospital services, and for the burial of injured workmen WORKERS."

22 Section 22. Section 92-808, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

24 "92-808. Employers and insurers required to file
25 reports of accidents. Every employer of labor and every

1 insurer is hereby required to file with the beard division, under such rules and-regulations as the board division may, from time to time make, a full and complete report of every accident to an employee arising out of or in the course of his employment and resulting in loss of life or injury to such person. Such reports shall be furnished to the beard division in such form and such detail as the beard division shall from time to time prescribe, and shall make specific answers to all questions required by the board division 9 10 under its rules and--regulations, except, in case he is unable to answer any such questions, a good and sufficient 12 reason shall be given for such failure."

Section 23. Section 92-809, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-809. Confidential information used, how. No information furnished to the beard division by an employer or an insurer shall be open to public inspection, or made public except on order of the beard division, or by the beard division or a member of the beard division, in the course of a hearing or proceeding. Any officer or employee of the beard division who, in violation of the provisions of this section, divulges any information, shall be guilty of a

23 misdemeanor."

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24 Section 24. Section 92-812, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

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1 *92-812. Hearings and investigations -- technical rules. 2 All hearings and investigations before the beard division. or any member thereof, shall be governed by this act and by 3 4 rules of practice and procedure to be adopted by the beard 5 division, and in the conduct thereof neither the beard division nor any member thereof shall be bound by the 6 7 technical rules of evidence. No informality in any proceedings or in the manner of taking testimony shall invalidate any order, decision, award, rule, or regulation 10 made, approved, or confirmed by the beard division."

Section 25. Section 92-813, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-813. Depositions may be taken. The board division, or any member thereof, or any party to the action or proceeding may, in any investigation or hearing before the board division, cause the deposition of witnesses residing within or without the state to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for like depositions in civil actions in the district courts of this state, and to that end may compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents, papers, and accounts."

22 Section 26. Section 92-814, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

24 "92-814. Powers of board division. The board division
25 is hereby vested with full power, authority, and

jurisdiction to do and perform any and all things, whether
herein specifically designated or in addition thereto, which
are necessary or convenient in the exercise of any power,
authority, or jurisdiction conferred upon it under this

6 Section 27. Section 92-814.1, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 7 to read as follows:

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"92-814.1. Requiring claimant to submit to examination--report of physician--cost. In the event of a dispute concerning the physical condition of a claimant, or the cause or causes of his injury or disability, if any, the beard division, at the request of the claimant, employer or insurer, as the case may be, shall require the claimant to submit to such examination as it may deem desirable by a physician or physicians within the state of Montana or elsewhere who have had adequate and substantial experience in the particular field of medicine concerned with the matters presented by the dispute. The physician making such the examination shall file a written report of his findings with the beard division for its use in the determination of the controversy involved. The beard division shall pay the physician for such the examination and shall be reimbursed by the party who requested it."

Section 28. Section 92-815, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-815. Powers to issue writs and process-fees for serving. (1) The beardy-and-each-member-thereof-shall-have power-to division may issue writs of summons, warrants of attachment, warrants of commitment, and all necessary process in proceedings for contempt in like manner and to the same extent as courts of record. The process issued by the beard-or-any-member-thereof division shall extend to all parts of the state, and may be served by any persons authorized to serve process of courts of record, or by any person designated for that purpose by the beardy--er--any member-thereof division.

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(2) The person executing any such process shall receive such compensation as may be allowed by the search division, not to exceed the fees now prescribed by law for similar service, and such fees shall be paid in the same manner as provided herein for the fees of witnesses.

Section 29. Section 92-816, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-816. Power to administer oaths, certify official acts, issue subpoenas—witness fees and mileage. The board and——each——member—thereof division, its secretary and referees, shall-have-the—power—to may administer oaths, certify to all official acts, and to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, books, accounts, documents, and testimony in any inquiry,

investigation, hearing, or proceeding in any part of the state. Each witness who shall appear by order of the beards or-any-mamber-thereof division shall be entitled to receive. if demanded, for his attendance the same fees and mileage allowed by law to a witness in civil cases in the district court, which amount shall be paid by the party at whose request such witness is subpospaed, unless otherwise ordered by the beard division. When any witness, who has not been required to attend at the request of any party, is 9 subpoenaed by the beard division, his fees and mileage may 10 be paid from the funds appropriated for the use of the beerd 11 12 division in the same manner as other expenses of the beard division are paid. Any witness subpoensed, except one whose 13 fees and mileage may be orid from the funds of the beard 14 15 division, may at the time of service demand the fee to which 15 he is satisfied for travel to and from the place at which he 17 is required to appear, and one day's attendance. If such witness damands such fees at the time of service and they 18 19 are not at that time paid or tendered, he shall not be required to attend before the beardy-or-a-member-thereof 20 division or referee, as directed in the subpoena." 21 22 Section 30. Section 92-817, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

of testimony--contempt. The district court in and for the

*92-817. Power of district court concerning production

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county in which any inquiry, investigation, hearing, or proceeding may be held by the board, or any -- member -- thereof shall have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses, the giving of testimony, and the production of papers, books, accounts, and documents as required by any subpoena issued by the board, -- or -- any -- member --- thereof division. The boardy-or-any-member-thereofy division before whom the testimony is to be given or produced, in case of the refusal of any witness to attend or testify or produce any papers required by such subpoena, may report to the district court in and for the county in which the proceeding is pending, by petition, setting forth that due notice has been given of the time and place fixed for the attendance of said witness, or the production of said papers, and that the witness has been summoned in the manner prescribed in this act, and that the witness has failed and refused to attend, or produce the papers required by the subpoena before the board--or--any--member--thereof division in the case or proceeding named in the notice and subpoena, or has refused to answer questions propounded to him in the course of such proceedings, and ask an order of said the court compelling the witness to attend and testify or produce said papers before the board division. The court, upon the petition of the beardy-or-any-member-of-the-beardy division shall enter an order directing the witness to appear before the cour at 22

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time and place to be fixed by the court in such order, not more than ten days from the date of the order, and then there show cause why he had not attended or testified, or produced such papers before the beard division. of said the order shall be served upon said the witness. If it shall appear to the court that said the subpoena was regularly issued by the boardy-or-a-member-thereofy division and regularly served, the court shall thereupon enter an 9 order that said the witness appear at the time and place 10 fixed in said the order, and testify or produce the required 11 papers, and upon failure to obey said the order, said the witness shall be dealt with as for contempt of court. The 12 13 remedy provided in this section is cumulative, and shall not 14 be construed to impair or interfere with the power of 15 boardy --- or -- a--member -- thereofy division to enforce the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, and to 16 17 punish for contempt, in the same manner and to the same 18 extent as courts of record."

19 Section 31. Section 92-818, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 20 read as follows:

Certificates and certified copies as 21 *92-818. 22 evidence. Copies of official documents and orders filed or deposited according to law in the office of the beard 23 division, certified to by a member of the beard division, or 24 25 the secretary under the official seal of the board

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division to be true copies of the original, shall be evidence in like manner as the originals. In any court proceeding, wherein the question as to whether or not an employer or employee has complied with and is operating under or bound by the provisions of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act of the state of Montana, is a question for determination, a certificate by a member of the pearl division, or by the secretary under the official seal of the beard division, certifying that such employer or employee has or has not complied with, and is or is not operating under, and is or is not bound by the provisions of the Werkmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act of the state of Montana, shall be prima facie evidence thereof."

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Section 32. Section 92-819, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

#92-819. Apportionment costs and disbursements -- expenses. The costs and disbursements incurred in any proceeding or hearing before the beardy-or-a member-thereof, division may be apportioned between the parties on the same or adverse sides, in the discretion of the beard division."

Section 33. Section 92-820, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

24 *92-820. Books, records and payrolls to be open to inspection. The books, records, and payrolls of the

employer, pertinent to the administration of this act, shall always be open to inspection by the bases division or any duly authorized employee thereof, for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the payroll, the number of man amployed, and such other information as may be necessary for the board division and its management under this act. Refusil on the part of the amployer to submit said books. records, and payvalls for such inspection shall subject the offending employer to a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense, to be collected by civil action in 10 1.1 the name of the state, and paid into the state treasury."

Seption 34. Section 92-321, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

*9?-9?1. Jurisdiction of board division to hear-14 disputes and controversies. All proceedings to determine 15 disputes or controversies arising under this act shall be 17 instituted before the beard division, and not elsewhere, and heard and determined by them the division, except as 18 19 otherwise in this act provided, and the beard division is hereby vested with full power, authority, and jurisdiction 21 to try and finally determine all such matters, subject only 22 to review in the manner and within the time in this act provided." 23

Section 35. Section 92-822, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 24 25 read as follows:

*92-822. Presumption as to legality of rules, orders, findings, etc., of beard division. All orders, rules, and regulations, findings, decisions, and awards of the beard division in conformity with law shall be in force and shall be prima facie lawful; and all such orders, rules, and regulations, findings, decisions, and awards shall be conclusively presumed to be reasonable and lawful, until and unless they are modified or set aside by the beard division or upon review.

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Section 36. Section 92-823, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 11 read as follows:

"92-823. Time for filing--final findings and awards. The board division shall hold the initial hearing to determine any dispute or controversy arising under this act within ninety (90) days from the date on which such disputed claim was filed with the board division. After a final hearing by the board division, it shall within thirty (30) days, make and file its findings upon all facts involved in the controversy, and its award, which shall state its determination as to the right of the parties."

21 Section 37. Section 92-824, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 22 read as follows:

23 "92-824. Power of board division to award compensation
24 and time and manner of payment. The board division in its
25 award may fix and determine the total amount of compensation

to be paid, and specify the manner of payment, or may fix
and determine the weekly disability indemnity to be paid,
and order payment thereof during the continuance of such
disability. providing. hewever. that the payment of
such award and indemnity shall be in the same manner as that
of undisputed awards and indemnities coming within the
particular plan provided for in this act to which said the
award and indemnity belong.

9 Section 38. Section 92-824.1, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-824.1. Increase in award for unreasonable delay or refusal to pay. When payment of compensation has been unreasonably delayed or refused, either prior or subsequent to the issuance of an award, the full amount of the order, decision or award may be increased by ten per cent (10%) of the weekly award. The question of unreasonable delay or refusal shall be determined by the board division and such a finding shall constitute good cause to rescind, alter or amend any order, decision or award previously made in said cause for the purpose of making the increase provided herein."

22 Section 39. Section 92-825, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

24 "92-825. When a nominal disability indemnity may be 25 awarded. If in any proceeding it is proved that an accident has happened for which the employer would be liable to pay
compensation if disability has resulted therefrom, but it is
not proved that an incapacity has resulted, the beard
division may, instead of dismissing the application, award a
nominal disability indemnity if it appears that disability
is likely to result at a future time."

7 Section 40. Section 92-826, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 8 read as follows:

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"92-826. Jurisdiction to rescind or amend any order, decision, award, etc. The beard division shall have continuing jurisdiction over all its orders, decisions, and awards, and may, at any time, upon notice, and after opportunity to be heard is given to the parties in interest. rescind, alter, or amend any such order, decision, or award made by it upon good cause appearing therefor. Provided, that the beard division shall not have power to rescind, alter, or amend any final settlement or award of compensation more than four (4) years after the same has been made, and provided further that the board division shall not have the power to rescind, alter or amend any order approving a full and final compromise settlement of compensation. Any order, decision, or award rescinding, altering, or amending a prior order, decision, or award, shall have the same effect as original orders or awards."

Section 41. Section 92-827, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

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"92-827. Record of proceedings to be kept and testimony to be taken down--attorney's fees--transcripts on appeal--indigent claimants. (1) A full and complete record shall be kept of all proceedings and hearings had before the beardy-or-any-member-thereof, division of any formal hearing had, and all testimony produced before the beard--or--any member---thereof division shall be taken down by a stenographic reporter appointed by the beard division, and the parties shall be entitled to be heard in person or by attorney.

(2) Whenever the claimant or plaintiff is represented by an attorney either before the beard division or the courts, the industrial-accident-beard division may, in its discretion or upon the application of the claimant or plaintiff, fix the amount of the attorney fee of the attorney representing the claimant or plaintiff, and the fee fixed by the beard division shall be paid by claimant or plaintiff.

(3) In cases of an action to review any order or decision of the beard division, a transcript of such testimony, together with all exhibits, and of the pleadings, records, and proceedings in the cause shall constitute the record of the beard division. Provided-further, that the beard The division must furnish a copy of such testimony,

written exhibits, pleadings, records and proceedings to the claimant without cost.

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(4) After judgment on appeal to the district court, an indigent claimant, deeming himself aggrieved, may file in said the court an affidavit that he does not have money, property or credit sufficient to pay for the cost of a transcript on appeal to the supreme court, and the clerk of court serve a copy by registered mail, return receipt requested, on the industrial-accident-board; -the division. The affidavit shall be prima facie evidence of the truth of the facts stated therein. in-the-event If the board-contest division contests the allegations, the court shall fix a date for the hearing thereof, not less than five (5) nor more than ten (10) days from the date of filing, and shall make its determination of the controversy, and if it be found and adjudged that the claimant does not have sufficient money, property or credit to pay for such the transcript, the order shall direct the industrial-accident board division to furnish the same at its expense to be paid from the industrial accident administrative earmarked revenue account.

(5) All proceedings on such appeal, including preparation, presentation and settlement of the bill of exceptions, shall be continued pending determination of the controversy. 1 (6) If the beard division does not contest the
2 allegations of the claimant's affidavit within ten (10) days
3 from receipt, it shall be deemed in default and the court
4 shall make its order in favor of claimant on expiration of
5 such period.**

6 Section 42. Section 92-828, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

8 "92-828. Collateral attack not permitted. No orders or
9 decisions of the beard division shall be subject to
10 collateral attack, and may be reviewed or modified only in
11 the manner provided therein."

12 Section 43. Section 92-829, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 13 read as follows:

14 "92-829. Application for rehearing. At any time within
15 twenty (20) days after the service of any order or decision
16 of the beard division, any party or parties aggrieved
17 thereby may apply for a rehearing upon one or more of the
18 following grounds, and upon no other grounds:

- 19 (1) That the beard <u>division</u> acted without or in excess
 20 of its powers;
- 21 (2) That the order, decision, or award was procured by 22 fraud;
 - (3) That the evidence does not justify the findings;
- 24 (4) That the applicant has discovered new evidence,
 25 material to him, and which he could not, with reasonable

- diligence, have discovered and produced at the hearing;
- (5) That the findings do not support the order, 3 decision, or award;
- (6) That order. decision. award 5 unreasonable."
- 6 Section 44. Section 92-830, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 7 read as follows:

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- "92-830. Board Division may at any time diminish or increase an award. Nothing contained in the preceding section shall, however, be construed to limit the right of the beard division, at any time after the date of its award, and from time to time after due notice and upon the application of any party interested, to review, diminish, or increase, within the limits provided by this act, any compensation awarded upon the grounds that the disability of the person in whose favor such award was made has either increased or diminished or terminated."
- Section 45. Section 92-831, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- "92-831. Application for rehearing--contents--rules of procedure. The application for rehearing shall set forth specifically and in full detail the grounds upon which the applicant considers said the order, decision, award, rule, or regulation to be unjust, or unlawful, and shall in other respects conform to such rules and-regulations as the board

1	division may prescribe. The beard-shall-have-full-power-and
2	authorityto-make-and-prescribe division may adopt rules to
3	govern the procedure upon rehearing, and any matter before
4	it and any order made after such rehearing abrogating or
5	changing the original order shall have the same force and
6	effect as an original order, and shall not affect any right,
7	or enforcement of any right, arising from or by virtue of
8	the original order."

9 Section 46. Section 92-832, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 10 read as follows:

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- "92-832. Application for rehearing or appeal shall not operate as stay. An application for rehearing or the appeal hereinafter provided shall not excuse any employer, employee, or other person from complying with or obeying any order or requirement of the beard division, or operate in any manner to stay or postpone the enforcement of an order or requirement thereof, except as the board division or the court may direct."
- 19 Section 47. Section 92-834. R.C.M. 1947. is amended to read as follows: 20
 - "92-834. How appeal taken -- notice -- record -trial. Said The appeal shall be taken by serving a written notice-of-said-appeal-upon-the-shairman-of-such-industrial gecident-commission,-or-upon-any-other-member-thereof,-which said-service-shall-be-made-by-the-delivery-of-a copy of such

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a notice of appeal to-such-chairman-or-member, on the ADMINISTRATOR OF THE division and filing the original with the clerk of the court to which said the appeal is taken. A copy of such the notice must also be served upon the adversary party, if there-be any, by mailing the same copy to said the adversary party to such the address of such the party as said the party shall have left with the beard If such the party shall-have has left no address division. with the beard division, then no service upon such the party shall be required. The order of filing and service of said the notice is immaterial. Immediately upon service upon said-board the division of said the notice, the said-board division shall certify to said the district court the entire record and proceedings, including all testimony and evidence taken by said-board the division, with the clerk of said the Immediately upon the return of such the district court. certified record, the district court shall fix a day for the hearing of said the cause, and shall cause notice to be served upon the beard division and upon the appellant, and also upon the adversary party, if there be any. The court upon the hearing, for good cause shown, permit additional evidence to be introduced, but, in the absence of such permission from the court, the cause shall be heard on the record of the beard division, as certified to the court by it. The trial of the matter shall be de novo, and upon

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such trial the court shall determine whether or not the beard division regularly pursued its authority, and whether or not the findings of the beard division ought to be sustained, and whether or not such findings are reasonable under all the circumstances of the case."

6 Section 48. Section 92-835, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 7 read as follows:

*92-835. Appearances -- setting aside conclusions, orders, etc., of beard division -- judgment and findings. The beard division and each party to the action or proceeding before the beard division shall have the right to appear in the proceeding, and it shall be the duty of the beard division to so appear. If the court shall-find finds from such the trial, as aforesaid, that the findings conclusions of the board division are not in accordance with either the facts or the law, or that they ought to be other or different than those made by the board division, or that finding and conclusion, or any order, rule, or requirement of the beard division is unreasonable, the court shall set aside such the finding, conclusion, judgment, decree, rule, or requirement of said-board the division, or shall modify or change the same as law and justice shall require, and the court shall also make and enter any finding, conclusion, order or judgment that shall

be required, or shall be legal and proper in the premises."

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Section 49. Section 92-836, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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#92-836. Appeals to supreme court. Either the board division, or the appellant, or any adversary party, if there be one, may appeal to the supreme court of the state of Montana from any final order, judgment, or decree of the said district court, which said appeal shall be taken in like manner as appeals are now taken in other civil actions to the said supreme court, and upon such appeal the said supreme court shall make such orders in reference to a stay of proceedings as it finds to be just in the premises, and may stay the operation of any order, judgment, or decree of said the district court, without requiring any bond or undertaking from the applicant for such stay. When any such cause is so appealed it shall have precedence upon the calendar of the said supreme court, and shall be tried anew by said the supreme court upon the record made in said the district court and before said -- beard the division, and judgment and decree shall entered expeditiously as possible."

Section 50. Section 92-842, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

23 "92-842. Annual report--copies for general
24 distribution. The heard division shall, not later than the
25 first-day-of October 1 of each year, make a report to the

governor covering its entire operations and proceedings for
the preceding fiscal year, with such suggestions or
recommendations as it may deem of value for public
information. A reasonable number of copies of such report
shall be printed for general distribution."

6 Section 51. Section 92-903, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 7 read as follows:

R *92-903. Employer permitted to carry on business and 9 settle directly with employee -- renewal of application. If 10 such employer, making such election, shall be found by the beard division to have the requisite financial ability to 11 12 pay the compensation and benefits in this act provided for, 13 then the board division shall grant to such the employer 14 permission to carry on his said business for the fiscal year within which such election is made, and such proof filed, or 15 16 the remaining portion of such fiscal year, and to make such 17 payments directly to his employees as they may become entitled to receive the same. Every employer, so long as he 18 continues in his said employment, and so long as he 19 continues to be bound by such compensation plan No. 1, shall, at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of 21 each fiscal year, renew his application to be permitted to 22 continue to make such payments as aforesaid directly to his 23 24 employees for the next ensuing fiscal year, and under like 25 circumstances as those mentioned for the granting of such

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permission upon such first application, the board may renew the same from year to year."

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Section 52. Section 92-904, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-904. Additional proof of solvency--revocation of order. The beard division may at any time require from any employer acting under compensation plan No. 1 additional proof of solvency and financial ability to pay the compensation provided by this act, and may at any time, upon notice to such employer of not less than ten (10) or more than twenty (20) days, after and upon a full hearing, revoke any order or approval theretofore made."

Section 53. Section 92-905, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

*92-905. Requiring security of employer. If said industrial-accident-board-shall-find the division finds that such an employer has does not have the financial responsibility for the payment of the compensation herein provided to be paid, which might reasonably be expected to be chargeable to such the employer during the fiscal year to be covered by such the permission, said-industrial-accident board-must-so-findy-and the division must require such the employer, before granting to him such permission, or before continuing or engaging in such employment, subject to the provisions of compensation plan No. 1, to give security for

1 such payment, which security must be in such an amount as said-beard-shall-find the division finds is reasonable and 3 necessary to meet all liabilities of such the employer. which may reasonably and ordinarily be expected to accrue during such the fiscal year. Said The security must be deposited with the treasurer-of-the-board division, and may be a certain estimated per-centum percent of said the employer's last preceding annual payroll, or a certain per 9 centum percent of the established amount of his annual payroll for said the fiscal year or said the security may be 10 11 in the form of a bond or undertaking executed to said 12 industrial -- accident -- board the division in the amount to be 13 fixed by it with two (2) or more sufficient sureties. which undertaking must be conditioned that such the employer will 14 15 well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, all such sums and 16 amounts for which the employer shall become liable under the 17 terms of this act to his employees during said the fiscal year; or such security may consist of any state, county, 18 19 municipal, or school district bonds, or the bonds or evidence of indebtedness of any individuals or corporations 20 21 which the beard-may-deem division deems solvent; and every 22 such deposit and the character and amount of such securities 23 shall at all times be subject to approval, revision, or change by the beard division as in its judgment may be required, and upon proof of the final payment of the

liability for which such securities are given, such securities, or any remaining part thereof, shall be returned to the depositor. The treasurer-of-the-board-and-his bondsmen-shall-be division is liable for the value and safekeeping of all such deposits or securities, and shall, at any time, upon demand of the a bondsmen or the depositor or-the-board, account for the same, and the earnings thereof."

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Section 54. Section 92-906, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-906. Failure of employer to pay compensation--duty of board division. Upon the failure of said the employer to pay any compensation provided for in this act, upon the terms and in the amounts and at the times when the same shall become due and payable, it the division shall be--the duty-of-such-state-accident-board, upon demand of the person to whom compensation is due, to apply any deposits made with the board division to the payment of the same, and it the division shall be-its-duty--to take the proper steps to convert any securities on deposit with the said-board division, or sufficient thereof, into cash and to pay the same upon the liabilities of said the employer, accruing under the terms of this act, and it-shall-be-its-duty,-in-so far-as-the-same-shall-be the division shall when necessary, to collect and enforce the collection of the liability of

all sureties upon any bonds which may be given by the said
employer to insure the payment of his said liability. And
to these ends, and for these purposes, the beard division
shall be deemed to be the owner of said the deposit and
security and the obligee in said the bond in trust for the
said purposes, and may proceed in its own name to recover
upon such the bonds, or foreclose and liquidate said the
securities."

9 Section 55. Section 92-907, R.C.M. 1317, is amended to

"92-907. When employer to make deposit or security to guarantee payment of compensation. Within thirty (30) days after the happening of an accident where death or the nature of the injury renders the amount of future payments certain, or reasonably certain, the employer shall make a deposit or give security as herein defined with the treasurer-of-the board division for the protection and guaranty of the payment of such liability, in such sum as the board division may direct, provided, however, that However, if sufficient securities are already on deposit with the said-board division, or if the said-board-shall-have-determined division determines that the employer has sufficient financial responsibility to meet said the liability of the said the employer, together with other liabilities already accrued, no such additional deposit or security shall be

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- 1 demanded."
- 2 Section 56. Section 92-908, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 "92-908. When employer may be relieved from liability.
- 5 Any employer against whom liability may exist for
- 6 compensation under this act, may, with the approval of the
- 7 beard division, be relieved therefrom by:
- 8 (1) Depositing the present value or the estimated
- 9 present value of the total unpaid compensation for which
- 10 such liability exists, assuming interest at five per--sentum
- ll percent per annum, with the treasurer-of-the-board division;
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- 13 (2) Purchasing an annuity within the limitations
- 14 provided by law, in any insurance company granting
 - annuities, and authorized to transact business in this
- 16 state, subject to the approval of the beard division."
- 17 Section 57. Section 92-1002, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- 18 to read as follows:
- 19 "92-1002. Duty of employer electing plan No.
 - 2--amount of insurance necessary. Any employer electing to
- 21 become bound by compensation plan No. 2 shall make his
- 22 election on the form and in the manner prescribed by the
- 23 beard division. Such election shall be accompanied by a
- 24 certificate issued by the insurer on the form prescribed by
- 25 the board division, which shall state the effective date of

- 1 the policy insuring the employer, its expiration date and
- 2 such other information as may be required by the beard
- division to inform the beard division of the adequacy of the
- 4 insurance."
- 5 Section 58. Section 92-1004, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 *92-1004. Agreement to be contained in policies of
- 8 insurance--deposit of bonds. No such policy shall be issued
- 9 unless it contains the agreement of the insurer that it will
- 10 promptly pay to the person entitled to compensation all the
- 11 installments of compensation or other payments in this act
- 12 provided for, and that the obligation shall not be affected
- 13 by any default of the insured after the injury, or by any
- 14 default in the giving of any notice required by such policy
- 15 or by this act or otherwise. Such agreement shall be
- 16 construed to be a direct promise by the insured to the
- 17 person entitled to compensation. Before issuance of any
- 18 policy by an insurer as herein authorized, such insurer must
- 19 deposit with the treasurer-of-the-industrial-accident-board
- 20 division, bonds of the United States or the state of
- 21 Montana, or of any school district, county, city or town in
- 22 the state of Montana, or a corporate surety bond made out to
- 23 and approved by the board division, in an amount not less
- 24 than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or more than one
- 25 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), as the industrial

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1	accident beard division may determine. If any insurer shall
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3	thereof shall be determined by the beard division, and
4	within the time limited by the division, board, it-shall-be
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6	the bonds, or such part thereof as is necessary, into cash,
7	and from the proceeds liquidate such liability; and
8	thereafter said the insurer must make an additional deposit
9	to meet any deficiency caused thereby. It is intended hereby
10	to give the industrialaccidentboard division the
11	discretion in the matter of whether an insurer has failed to
12	discharge any liability."
13	Section 59. Section 92-1005, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

*92-1005. (2982) Policies made subject to this act--assessment of insurers. (1) Every policy for the insurance of the compensation herein provided for, or against liability therefor, shall be deemed to be made subject to the provisions of this act. No insurer shall enter into any such policy of insurance unless its forms shall have been approved by the beard division, and as otherwise provided by law.

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to read as follows:

(2) On or before the-first-day-of July 1 of each year, the beard division shall assess and each insurer shall pay to the beard division not to exceed three and one-fourths

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per cent (3 1/4%) of its gross annual direct premiums collected in Montana on policies of insurance insuring employers who elected to become bound by the compensation plan No. 2 during the previous calendar year, less return premiums. No such assessment shall be less than two hundred dollars (\$200). The treasurer-of-the-board division shall pay the amounts so collected into the state treasury. Payments by such the insurers under this section shall be considered as items of loss for rate-making purposes." 10 Section 60. Section 92-1006, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 11 to read as follows: 12 "92-1006. Renewals. Every certificate of renewal of 13 such policy shall be made and delivered to said--beard the division at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration 14 15 of the expiring policy." 16 Section 61. Section 92-1007, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

where death or the nature of the injury renders the amount
of future payments certain or reasonably certain, the
insurer shall make a deposit, as herein defined, with the
treasurer-of-the--board division for the protection and
quarantee of the payment of such liability in such sum as
the board division may direct, provided, that However, if

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"92-1007. Deposits by insurer with beard division.

Within thirty (30) days of the happening of an accident

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to read as follows:

- the board division deems the amount on deposit by said the insurer under the provisions of section 92-1004 sufficient to cover all liabilities of the insurer, then no further 3 deposit shall be required. "
- Section 62. Section 92-1008, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 5 to read as follows:

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- "92-1008. How insurer relieved from liability. Any insurer against whom liability may exist for compensation under this act, may, with the approval of the board division, be relieved therefrom by:
- (1) Depositing the present value or the estimated present value of the total unpaid compensation for which such liability exists, assuming interest at five per--centum percent per annum, with the treasurer-of-the-board division; or,
- (2) By purchasing an annuity within the limitations provided by law in any insurance company granting annuities, and authorized to transact business in this state, subject to the approval of the beard division."
- Section 63. Section 92-1009, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 20 to read as follows: 21
- "92-1009. Cancellation of insurance policy. No policy 22 of insurance issued under the provisions of compensation 23 plan No. 2 shall be canceled within the time limited for its 24 expiration except upon thirty (30) days' notice to the 25

- employer in favor of whom such policy is issued, and to the board division, unless such policy sought to be canceled
- shall have been sooner replaced by other insurance."
- Section 64. Section 92-1010, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- to read as follows:
- "92-1010. Report of insurance companies to board
- division. Every insurance company transacting business under
- this act shall, at the time and in the manner prescribed by
- the board division, make and file with the board division
- 10 such reports of accidents as the beard division may
- require." 11
- Section 65. Section 92-1101, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 12
- 13 to read as follows:
- "92-1101. What necessary 14 in electing plan No.
- paid 15 3--percentage of payroll to be under plan.
- COMPENSATION PLAN NUMBER THREE 16
- 17 Every employer subject to the provisions of
- 18 compensation plan No. 3 shall at the times and in the manner
- 19 prescribed by the industrial-assident-beard division, pay to
- 20 the industrial-accident-board division a premium based on a
- 21 percentage of his payroll as determined by the industrial
- 22 accident -- beard division which shall be a member of a rating
- 23 organization in accordance with the provisions of this act."
- 24 Section 66. Section 92-1102, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- to read as follows:

*92-1102. Permitting employers to elect to comply and come under the provisions of this act. An employer shall comply with the provisions of this act, in which event he will not be liable to respond in damages at common law or by statute for injury or death of an employee and shall enjoy the benefits and privileges of this act. The employee of the employer is considered to come under the provisions of this act unless the employee executes and files with the division on proper forms to be furnished for that purpose, a specific election not to be so bound, in which event he shall not enjoy the benefits or privileges of this act until the election is withdrawn."

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Section 67. Section 92-1103, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-1103. Manner of electing--contract or policy of insurance--payment of premium. The industrial-accident-board division shall prescribe the procedure by which employers may elect to be bound by compensation plan No. 3, the effective time of such election and the manner in which such election is terminated for reasons other than default in payment of premiums. Every employer electing to be bound by compensation plan No. 3 shall receive from the industrial accident-board division a contract or policy of insurance in a form approved by the beard division. The premium thereon shall be paid by the employer, to the industrial -- assident

board division at such times as the board division shall 1 prescribe and shall be paid over by the beard division to state treasurer to the credit of the industrial 3 insurance account in the agency fund."

5 Section 68. Section 92-1104, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

7 *92-1104. Classifications by beard division. The 8 industrial-accident-board division is hereby given full and authority to determine premium rates and 9 10 classifications as in its judgment and experience, and as member of a rating organization as is otherwise provided for 12 in this code, may be necessary or expedient, provided that no change in the classification or rates prescribed shall be 13 effective until thirty (30) days after the date of the order 14 15 making such change."

Section 69. Section 92-1105, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 16 17 to read as follows:

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"92-1105. Intent and purpose of plan No. 3. (1) It is the intent and purpose of compensation plan No. 3 that each industry, trade, occupation or employment coming under the provisions of said the plan shall be liable to pay for injuries happening to employees coming under the provisions

(2) All premiums, penalties. recoveries 24 subrogation, interest earned upon money belonging to the 25

of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act.

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fund, and securities acquired by or through use of money shall be deposited in the industrial insurance account in the agency fund.

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(3) The industrial insurance program shall be neither more nor less than self-supporting. Employments affected by the provisions hereof shall be divided by the board division as a member of a rating organization into classes, whose rates may be readjusted at such times as the beard division as a member of such rating organization may determine. Separate accounts shall be kept of the amounts collected and expended in each class for determining rates but for payment of compensation and dividends the industrial insurance account shall be one and indivisable. The beard division as a member of such rating organization shall determine the hazards of the different classes of occupations or industries and fix the premiums therefor at the lowest rate consistent with maintenance of a solvent industrial insurance fund, and the creation of surplus and reserves and for such purpose may adopt a system of schedule rating in such a manner as to take account of the peculiar hazard of each risk, and shall take advantage of the experience and information afforded to it as a member of such rating organization.

(4) The beard division in fixing rates shall provide for the expenses of administering the industrial insurance

account allowed by law, the disbursements on account of injuries and deaths of employees in each class, an adequate catastrophe reserve, reserves adequate to meet anticipated and unexpected losses, and such other reserves and surplus as may be determined by the beard division as a member of such rating organization."

Section 70. Section 92-1105.1, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-1105.1. Advanced rate for dangerous places of

employment. If by reason of poor or careless management, or otherwise, any place of employment be is unduly dangerous in comparison with other like places of employment, and the employer operating the same shall has not have complied with the safety provisions of the Montana Safety Act, and such the employer shall—be is under compensation plan number 3, the beard division, in addition to any other penalty provided, shall advance the rate upon such place of employment fifty (50) per centr. and—such The advanced rate shall continue and be in force until such the place of employment shall—have has ceased to be unduly dangerous in comparison with other like places of employment and such the employer shall—have has obtained a certificate of the beard

24 Section 71. Section 92-1108, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 25 to read as follows: "92-1108. In case of default, rates to be advanced twenty-five per cent (25%). Any employer who is in default in the observance of any order of the beard division, issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 92-1101 to 92-1105, inclusive, shall, in addition to any other penalty provided by this act, be charged an advance of twenty-five per-centum percent (25%) over the established rate, and such advanced rate shall continue and be in force until such the employer shall-have has ceased to be in such default."

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Section 72. Section 92-1110, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

*92-1110. Surplus in industrial insurance account. If at the end of any fiscal year, there exists in the industrial insurance account in the agency fund an excess of assets over liabilities, and a reasonable surplus, such liabilities to include necessary reserves, which excess may be divided safely, then the beard division may declare a dividend in such manner as the rules of the beard division may prescribe, to those employers who have paid premiums into the industrial insurance account in the agency fund in excess of liabilities chargeable to them in the account in the agency fund for that year. In determining the amount or proportion of such the balance to which the employer is entitled as dividends, the beard division shall give consideration to the prior paid premiums and accident

experience of each individual employer during the dividend vear.

3 Section 73. Section 92-1112, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

*92-1112. Investment of reserve--payment installments. The treasurer-of-the-board division shall turn over such the reserve to the state board of commissioners investments to be invested and the same shall 9 be invested by said-state the board of land-semmissioners investments as part of the long term investment fund and out 10 of the same and its earnings shall be paid the monthly 11 installments, and any lump sum, then or thereafter arranged 12 fort. provided -- however -- that However, when there is 1.3 14 sufficient money in the industrial insurance account in the agency fund to meet such compensation payments, any surplus 15 remaining may be invested as specified in this section." 16

17 Section 74. Section 92-1113, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 18 to read as follows:

"92-1113. Treasurer <u>Division</u> to keep accounts of segregations. The treasurer-of-the-board <u>division</u> shall keep an accurate account of all such segregations of the industrial insurance account in the agency fund, and the direction-of-the-board shall divert from the account any sums necessary to meet monthly payments, pending the conversion into cash of any security, and in such case shall

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repay the same out of the cash realized from the security."

Section 75. Section 92-1114, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

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*92-1114. Collection in case of default employer--cancellation of right to operate under plan No. 3 for failure to pay premium. (1) If any employer under plan No. 3 shall default in any payment to the industrial accident-board division, the sum due may be collected by an action at law in the name of the state and such right of action shall be cumulative. The industrial -- accident -- beard division is hereby authorized in its discretion to cancel an employer's right to operate under plan No. 3 of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act for failure to pay the premiums duer. provided -- that -- when When the industrial accident -- board division makes an order canceling an employer's right for failure to pay premiums it shall be the duty of the industrial-accident-board division to make such order at least thirty (30) days before the cancellation becomes effective and to send a formal notice to the sheriff or sheriffs of the county or counties where the employer is operating, and it shall be the duty of the said sheriff or sheriffs to post a notice in at least three (3) conspicuous places where the workmen WORKERS can readily see said notices. to the effect that the industrial-accident-board division has canceled the right of the said employer to

1. operate under the act; and said notice shall give the date
2 of the effectiveness of said order. After said the
3 cancellation date the said employer shall have the same
4 status as an employer who is not enrolled under the
5 Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act.

canceled by the beard division for failure to pay premiums and when the beard division, in its discretion finds that the property and assets of said the employer are not sufficient to pay said the premiums, the beard division may compromise said the claim for premiums and accept a payment of an amount less than the total amount due.

Section 76. Section 92-1115, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

default. For any injury happening to any of his-workmen THE

EMPLOYER'S WORKERS during default in any payment to the

industrial--accident-board division, the defaulting employer

as to such injury shall be considered as having elected not

to come under the provisions of this act, except that he

"92-1115. Injury happening while employer is in

21 shall be and remain liable to pay to the industrial-accident

22 beard division the amount of such default, together with the

23 penalty prescribed by section 92-1108."

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24 Section 77. Section 92-1117, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 25 to read as follows: "92-1117. Prosecution or settlement of cause of action. Any cause of action assigned to the state under the prosecuting section may be prosecuted or compromised by the beard division, in its discretion."

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Section 78. Section 92-1118, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-1118. Application for compensation under plan No.

3. Where a werkman WORKER is entitled to compensation under compensation plan No. 3, he THE WORKER shall file with the beard division his AN application therefor, together with the certificate of the physician who attended him, and it shall be the duty of such physician to lend all necessary assistance in making application for compensation and such proof of other matters as may be required by the rules of the beard division without charge to the workmant. previded; that—the The filing of a certificate of the attending physician shall does not constitute a sworn claim for compensation."

Section 79. Section 92-1119, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-1119. Payment of physician. For a proper compliance with the provisions of the preceding section, the physician, after approval by the beard division, shall be paid out of the beard's division's administrative moneys in the earmarked revenue fund, one and one-half dollars (\$1.50)

l for each case."

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2 Section 80. Section 92-1120, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 3 to read as follows:

"92-1120. Application in case of death. Where death results from the injury, the parties entitled to compensation under compensation plan No. 3, or someone in their behalf, shall make application for the same to the beard division. The application must be accompanied with proof of death and proof of relationship, showing the parties entitled to compensation, certificate of the attending physician, if any, and such other proof as may be required by the rules of the beard division."

13 Section 81. Section 92-1122, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 14 to read as follows:

"92-1122. Disbursements out of industrial accident 15 16 account -- employer to pay warrant. Disbursements out of the 17 industrial insurance account in the agency fund shall be 18 made by the treasurer-of-the-board-as-the-board--may--order division. If at any time there shall is not be sufficient 19 20 money in the account with which to pay any warrants drawn 21 thereon, the employer, on account of whose workmen WORKERS the warrant was drawn, shall pay the same, and upon his next 22 contribution to such the account he shall be credited with 23 the amount so paid, with interest thereon at the rate of six 24 per-centum percent per annum from the date of such payment

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to read as follows:

to the date upon which the next assessment becomes payable; and if the amount of the credit exceeds the amount of such assessment, he shall have a warrant upon such account for the excess, and if said the warrant be is not paid for want of funds, it shall be credited to such the employer and be applied upon succeeding assessments.

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to read as follows:

Section 82. Section 92-1123, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

*92-1123. Earnings and interest on deposits—treasurer to-make-no-profit. All earnings made by the industrial insurance account in the agency fund by reason of interest paid for the deposit thereof, or otherwise, shall be credited to and become a part of said the account, and the making of profit, either directly or indirectly, by the treasurer—of-the-beard,—or any other person, out of the use of the account shall constitute a felony, and on conviction thereof shall subject the person making such profit to imprisonment in the state penitentiary for a term not exceeding two years, or a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both such fine and imprisonment, and the-treasurer-of-the-board-shall-be-liable-upon-his-official bond-for-all-profits-realized-for-any-unlawful--use-of--the account."

division of injured workmen WORKERS. The industrial-accident board-of-the-state-of-Montana division of workmen+s WORKERS' compensation shall refer to the vocational-rehabilitation division-of-the-board-of-education-of-the-state--of--Montana department of social and rehabilitation services workmen WORKERS who have become permanently disabled as the result of injuries sustained within the scope and course of 9 employment by an employer enrolled under the Workmen's WORKERS! Compensation Act of the state of Montana and who in 10 11 the opinion of said-board the division can be vocationally 12 rehabilitated, -and-said-vecational-rehabilitation-division 13 The department of social and rehabilitation services provide for the vocational rehabilitation of such the 14 15 injured workmen WORKERS under the provisions of Title 41. 16 Chapter 8, Revised--Godes--of--Montana, R.C.M. 1947 and 17 amendments-thereto."

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92-1401. Reference

Section 84. Section 92-1402, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

22 vocational-rehabilitation-division the department of social

23 and rehabilitation services has provided all feasible
24 Vocational rehabilitation to such an injured workers. WORKER

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Section 83. Section 92-1401, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

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resible or feasible, it shall certify its determination to -industrial-accident-board the division, at which time the division shall reconsider and review any prayious award of compensation to such the injured workman WORKER which is then in effect."

Section 85. Section 92-1406, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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*92-1406. Industrial accident rehabilitation account. (1) The payments provided in section 92-1403 shall be made from the industrial accident rehabilitation account in the agency fund. Payments to such the account shall be made on or before the-first-day-of July 1 of each year as follows:

(1) (a) By each employer operating under the provisions of plan one of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act, an amount to be assessed by the industrial-accident-board division, not exceeding one per cent (1%) of the compensation paid to the employer's injured employees in Montana for the preceding fiscal year.

(a) (b) By each insurer insuring employers under the provisions of plan two of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act an amount to be assessed by the industrial assident -- beard division, not exceeding one per cent (1%) of the compensation paid to injured employees of its insured in Montana during the preceding fiscal year.

(3) (c) By the industrial-accident--board division an -59÷ HB 22

amount to be determined by the industrial-assident-beard division, not exceeding one per cent (1%) ο£ compensation paid to injured amployees in Montana from the 3 industrial insurance account in the agency fund and occupational disease account in the agency fund for the preceding-fiscal year.

(2) Separate accounts of the amounts collected and disbursements made from the industrial rehabilitation account in the agency fund shall be kept for each of the plans. If in any fiscal year, the amount collected from the amployers under any plan exceeds the amount of payments for amployees of the amployers under such plan, the assessment against the employers under such plan for the following year shall be reduced.

(3) The payments herein provided for shall be made to the industrial -- zesident -- board division which shall cradit the sums paid to the said industrial accident rehabilitation account which shall be in the custody of the state treasurer. Disbursements from the said account shall be made after approval by the division-of-vesational-rehabilitation department of social and rehabilitation services and upon audit and approval by the state-sentreller-and purchasing agent department of administration.

(4) No part of the funds allocated or contributed as 24 herein provided and contemplated shall be used in payment of

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administrative expenses of the industrial—accident--board division or vecational-rehabilitation-division department of social and rehabilitation services."

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SECTION 86. SECTION 92-101, R.C.M. 1947, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"92-101. Name of act -- what each part to contain. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Workmen's Compensation Act or the Workers' Compensation Act. Part I (sections 92-101 to 92-843) shall contain those sections which have a general application to the whole of the act, and may be referred to as the "general provisions"; part II (sections 92-901 to 92-908) shall contain those sections which refer to compensation plan number one; part III (sections 92-1001 to 92-1012) shall contain those sections which refer to compensation plan number two; part IV (sections 92-1101 to 92-1123) shall contain those sections which refer to compensation plan number three."

SECTION 87. SECTION 82A-1004, R.C.M. 1947, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"82A-1004. Division of workmen's workers' compensation
-- creation -- head. (1) There is created a division of
workmen's workers' compensation within the department. The
division head is an administrator appointed by the governor
as are directors in accordance with section 82A-106 of this
act. Any reference in the Revised Codes of Montana, 1947 Any

- 1 reference-in-the-Revised-Codes-of-Montana, 1947 to the 2 industrial accident board or the division of workmen's
- 3 compensation means the division of workers' compensation.
- 4 (2) The division is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in section 82A-108 of this act. However, the division may hire its own personnel, and section 82A-108(2)(d) does not apply."
- 8 Section 88. Sections 92-104, 92-105, 92-108 through
- 9 92-110, 92-112 through 92-115, 92-414, 92-415, 92-419,
- 10 92-420, 92-427, 92-428, 92-430, 92-431, 92-611, 92-612,
- ll 92-841, 92-843, 92-1404, R.C.M. 1947 are repealed.

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 22	
2 INTRODUCED BY W. BAETH	
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT FOR THE CODIFIC	CATION
5 AND GENERAL REVISION OF THE LAWS RELATING TO THE WORK	CMEN'S
6 COMPENSATION ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 82A-1004, 92	2-101,
7 92-111, 92-117, 92-118, 92-119, 92-120, 92-206, 92	-426,
8 92-429, 92-432, 92-502, 92-506, 92-507, 92-508, 92	-607,
9 92-608, 92-609, 92-614, 92-707, 92-715, 92-804, 92	-806,
0 92-808, 92-809, 92-812, 92-813, 92-814, 92-814.1, 92	2-815,
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92-1122, 92-1123, 92-1401, 92-1402, 92-1406, R.C.N.	1947,
and repealing sections 92-104, 92-105, 92-108 The	HROUGH
21 92-110, 92-112 THROUGH 92-115, 92-414, 92-415, 93	2-419,
92-420, 92-427, 92-428, 92-430, 92-431, 92-611, 93	2-612,
92-841, 92-843, 92-1404, R.C.M. 1947."	
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTAI	NA:

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1 Section 1. Section 92-111, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: "92-111. Office and furnishings--quarters. The board shall keep its principal office in the capital of division the state. It may rent or lease quarters for the conduct of its administrative duties." Section 2. Section 92-117, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: 9 *92-117. Blank forms, minutes and records. The board 10 division shall cause to be printed such blank forms as it 11 shall deem requisite to facilitate or promote the efficient 12 administration of this act. It shall provide a book in 13 which shall be entered the minutes of all its proceedings, a 14 book of record in which shall be recorded all awards made by the beard division, and such other books or records as it 15 16 shall deem requisite for the purpose and efficient 17 administration of this act. All such records are to be kept in the office of the beard division." Section 3. Section 92-118, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 19 20 read as follows:

"92-118. Reports and bulletins which may be published.

The board division shall have the power and authority to

publish and distribute at its discretion from time to time.

in addition to its report required by section 2 [82-4002] of this act, such further reports and bulletins covering its

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operations, proceedings, and matters relative to its work as it may deem advisable."

- 3 Section 4. Section 92-119, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 4 read as follows:
- 5 *92-119. Fees of beard division. The beard division
 6 shall have power and authority to charge and collect the
 7 following fees:
- - 3r (3) The fees charged and collected under this section shall be paid monthly into the treasury of the state, to the credit of the earmarked revenue fund, and shall be accompanied by detailed statement thereof."
- 20 Section 5. Section 92-120, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- 22 *92-120. Attorney general legal adviser of beard
 23 <u>division</u>. (1) The attorney general shall be the legal
 24 adviser of the beard <u>division</u>, and shall represent it in all
 25 proceedings whenever so requested by the beard <u>division</u> or

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2 (2) And-it-is-further--provided--that--the--board The
3 division may, in the investigation and defense of cases
4 under plan three of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act,
5 employ such other attorney or legal adviser, as it deems
6 necessary, and pay for the same out of the industrial
7 insurance account in the agency fund."

8 Section 6. Section 92-206, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 9 read as follows:

"92-206. Compensation plan No. 3 exclusive, etc., when a public corporation is the employer. Where a public corporation is the employer, the terms, conditions, and provisions of compensation plan No. 3 shall be exclusive, compulsory, and obligatory upon both employer and employee. Any sums necessary to be paid under the provisions of this act by any public corporation shall be considered to be ordinary and necessary expense of such corporation, and the governing body of such public corporation shall make appropriation of and pay such sums, into the accident or administration fund, as the case may be, at the time and in the manner provided for in this act, notwithstanding that such governing body may have failed to anticipate such ordinary and necessary expense in any budget, estimate of appropriations, ordinances, or otherwise. expenses, Whenever a contractor is engaged as an employer in the

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performance of contract work for a public corporation, such employer must elect to be bound by the terms, conditions and provisions of either compensation plan No. 2 or compensation plan No. 3, and the terms, conditions and provisions of the plan chosen shall be compulsory and obligatory upon both employer and employee. Whenever any public corporation neglects or refuses to file with the industrial-accident-board division monthly payroll report of its employees, the board-is-hereby-authorized-and--empowered to division may levy an arbitrary assessment upon such public corporation in an amount of twenty-five dollars for each such assessment, which assessments shall be collected in the manner provided in this act for the collection of assessments."

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- 15 Section 7. Section 92-426, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- "92-426. Board-defined: "Board"-means--the--industrial

 18 accident--board--of-the-state-of-Montana; Division defined.

 19 "Division" means the division of workmen's WORKERS'

 20 compensation of the department of labor and industry

 21 provided for in section 82A-1004, R.C.M. 1947."
- Section 8. Section 92-429, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- 24 "92-429. Order defined. "Order" shall-mean-and-include
 25 means any decision, rule, regulation, direction,

- requirement, or standard of the beard division, or any other
- 2 determination arrived at or decision made by such-beardy-the
- 3 <u>division</u> excepting--general--or--local--orders--as--herein
 - specified."

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- 5 Section 9. Section 92-432, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 6 read as follows:
- 7 "92-432. Payroll defined--estimate to establish
- 8 payroll. "Payroll," "annual payroll" or "annual payroll for
- 9 the preceding year," means the average annual payroll of the
- 10 employer for the preceding calendar year, or, if the
- employer shall not have operated a sufficient or any length
- 12 of time during such calendar year, twelve times the average
- 13 monthly payroll for the current year; provided, that an
- 14 estimate may be made by the board division for any employer
- 15 starting in business where no average payrolls are
- 16 available, such estimate to be adjusted by additional
- 17 payment by the employer or refund by the board division, as
- 18 the case may actually be on December 31st of such current
- 19 year."
- 20 Section 10. Section 92-502, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
- 21 read as follows:
- 22 *92-502. When compensation to beneficiaries,-major--or
- 23 miner--dependents or widow ceases. If any beneficiaries er
- 24 major-or-minor-dependents of a deceased employee die, or if
- 25 the widow or widower remarry, the right of such beneficiary

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or-major-or-minor-dependent or such widow or widower to compensation under this act shall cease."

3 Section 11. Section 92-506, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 4 read as follows:

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"92-506. No compensation to nonresident beneficiaries until when. Before payment of compensation to a beneficiary not residing within the United States, satisfactory proof of such relationship as to constitute a beneficiary under this act shall be furnished by such beneficiary, duly authenticated under seal of an officer of a court of law in the country where such beneficiary resides, at such times and in such manner as may be required by the board division. And such proof shall be conclusive as to the identity of such beneficiary, and any other claim of any other person to any such compensation shall be barred from and after the filing of such proof."

17 Section 12. Section 92-507, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 18 read as follows:

"92-507. Payment to nonresident beneficiaries made to whom. Payment of compensation to a beneficiary not residing within the United States may be made to any plenipotentiary, or consul, or consular agent within the United States, representing the country in which such nonresident beneficiary resides, and the written receipt of such plenipotentiary, or consul, or consular agent shall acquit

the employer, the insurer, or the beard division, as the

2 case may be."

3 Section 13. Section 92-508, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

4 read as follows:

5 "92-508. Compensation paid to parent or guardian.

6 Where payment is due to a child under eighteen (18) years of

7 age or to a person adjudged incompetent, the same shall be

8 made to the parent or to the duly appointed guardian, as the

9 case may be, and the written receipt of such parent or

10 guardian shall acquit the employer, the insurer or board

11 division, as the case may be, of further liability. In

12 other cases, payment shall be made to the person entitled

13 thereto or to his duly authorized representative."

14 Section 14. Section 92-607, R.C.II. 1947, is amended to

15 read as follows:

16 *92-607. Work to be paid for in property other than 17 money--wages. Where any employer procures any work to be 18 done, payment for which is to be made in property other than 19 money or its equivalent, and the value of which property is 20 speculative or intangible, the wages of the employees 21 receiving such compensation shall be determined by the beard 22 division in accordance with the going wage for the same or 23 similar work in the district or locality where the same is

24 to be performed. provided, however, that However, where an

25 employer procures any work to be done by any contractor, or

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through him by a subcontractor, the payment for which is to be made in property other than money or its equivalent, and the value of which property is speculative or intangible, then and in that event, the employer shall not be liable for compensation, but such liability shall fall upon the contractor or subcontractor, as the case may be."

7 Section 15. Section 92-608, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 8 read as follows:

"92-608. Compensation in case of death of employee—determination of beneficiary, etc. (1) If an injured employee dies and the injury was the proximate cause of such death, then the beneficiary,—or—the—major—or—minor dependents of the deceased, as the case may be, shall receive the same compensation as though the death occurred immediately following the injury, but the period during which the death benefit shall be paid shall be reduced by the period during or for which compensation was paid for the injury.

(2) If the employee shall die from some cause other than the injury, there shall be no liability for compensation after his death.

(3) The question as to who constitutes a beneficiary, or-a-major-or-minor-dependent, shall be determined as of the date of the happening of the accident to the employee, whether death shall immediately result therefrom or not."

1 Section 16. Section 92-609, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 2 read as follows:

"92-609. Examination of employee by physician--request or order for--physician may testify. (1) Whenever in case of injury the right to compensation under this act would exist in favor of any employee, he shall, upon the written request of his employer or the insurer, submit from time to time to examination by a physician, who shall be provided and paid for by such employer or insurer, and shall likewise submit to examination from time to time by any physician selected by the board division, or any member or examiner, or referee thereof.

(2) The request or order for such examination shall fix a time and place therefor, due regard being had to the convenience of the employee and his physical condition and ability to attend at the time and place fixed. The employee shall be entitled to have a physician, provided and paid for by himself, present at any such examination. So long as the employee, after such written request, shall fail or refuse to submit to such examination, or shall in any way obstruct the same, his right to compensation shall be suspended. Any physician employed by the employer, the insurer, or the beard division, who shall make or be present at any such examination, may be required to testify as to the results thereof."

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Section 17. Section 92-614, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-614. Who liable for injuries under the different plans of act and in what amounts, extraterritorial application and reciprocity. (1) Every employer who shall become bound by and subject to the provisions of compensation plan number one (1). and every employer and insurer who shall become bound by and subject to the provisions of compensation plan number two (2), and the industrial accident fund where the employer of the injured employee has become bound by and subject to the provisions of compensation plan No. 3, shall be liable for the payment of compensation in the manner and to the extent hereinafter provided to an employee who has elected to come under this act, and who shall receive an injury arising out of and in the course of his employment, or, in the case of his death from such injury, to his beneficiaries, if any -- of -- if-none to--his--major-dependents;-if-any;-or;-if-none;-to-his-minor dependents;-if-any.

(2) If a workman WORKER employed in this state who is subject to the provisions of this act temporarily leaves the state incidental to that employment and receives an injury arising out of and in the course of such employment, the provisions of this act shall apply to such workman WORKER as though he were injured within this state.

1 (3) If a workman WORKER from another state and his
2 employer from another state are temporarily engaged in work
3 within this state, this act shall not apply to them:

- (a) if the employer and employee are bound by the provisions of the Werkmen's WORKERS' Compensation Law or similar law of such other state which applies to them while they are in the state of Montana, and
- (b) if the Workmen's WORKERS! Compensation Act of this state is recognized and given effect as the exclusive remedy for workmen WORKERS employed in this state who are injured while temporarily employed in such other state.
- (4) A certificate from an authorized officer of the workmen's WORKERS' compensation department or similar agency of another state certifying that an employer of such other state is bound by the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act of the state and that its act will be applied to employees of the employer while in the state of Montana shall be prima facie evidence of the application of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Law of the certifying state.
- (5) The industrial-accident-board-shall-have-authority division may, with the approval of the governor, to enter into agreements with workmen's WORKERS' compensation agencies of other states for the purpose of promulgating regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this act to carry out the extraterritorial application of the

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workmen's WORKERS' compensation laws of the agreeing 1 states." Section 18. Section 92-707, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 3 read as follows: *92-707. Compensation from what date paid. When an injured-employee-has-no-wife;-child;-father;-mother;-brother or-sister-residing-within-the-U--nited--States--who--world--be 7 entitled---te---compensation---in--case--ef--his--deathy--no 8 compensation-shall-be-allowed-or-paid-during-the-first--week 9 of--any--injuryy-except-as-may-be-required-by-the-provisions 10 of-the-preceding-sectiony-but-if--disability--continues--one 11 (1)--weeky--compensation--shall--be--paid--from--the-date-of 12 injury -- Where - the injured employee has a beneficiary er -- a 13 major--or--minor-dependent-residing-within-the-United-States 14 who would-be is entitled to compensation in case of his 15 death, no compensation shall be paid for the first week of 16 any injury, but if disability continues one (1) week, 17 compensation shall be paid from the date of injury. 18 provided; - that However, separate benefits of medical and 19 hospital services shall be furnished from the date of 20 21 injury." Section 19. Section 92-715, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 22 read as follows: 23 "92-715. Biweekly payments converted into a lump sum. 24 The biweekly payments provided for in this act may be 25

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converted, in whole or in part, into a lump-sum payment, which lump-sum payment shall not exceed the estimated value of the present worth of the deferred payments capitalized at the rate of two per-centum percent (2%) per annum. Such conversion can only be made upon the written application of the injured workman, WORKER or his THE WORKER'S beneficiary, 7 or--major-or-minor-dependents,-as-the-case-may-be, and shall rest in the discretion of the beard division, both as to the amount of such lump-sum payment and the advisability of such 10 conversion. The board division is hereby vested with full 11 power, authority, and jurisdiction to compromise claims and to approve compromises of claims under this act7. and--all 12 13 All settlements and compromises of compensation provided in 14 this act shall-be-absolutely-null-and are void without the approval of the beard division. Any approval of the beard 15 division must be in writing and set forth specifically the 16 17 reasons for such lump-sum or compromise payment." Section 20. Section 92-804, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 18 19 read as follows:

"92-804. Misrepresenting payroll. Any employer who

shall-misrepresent misrepresents to the beard division the

amount of a payroll upon which the premiums or assessments

under compensation plan number three are to be levied, or

upon which fees for factory inspection, subsequent

inspection, or reinspection, as elsewhere provided in this

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1 act, are based, shall be liable to the state in ten (10) times the amount of difference between the amount paid and 2 the amount which should have been paid. Such liability may 3 4 be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the 5 state. All sums collected under this section shall be paid into the fund to which the original payments were, or should 7 have been credited."

8 Section 21. Section 92-806, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: 9

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*92-806. Duplicate receipts paid for injuries to be filed--statements of medical expenditures. Every employer coming under the provisions of compensation plan number one, and every insurer coming under the provisions of compensation plan number two, shall, on or before the fifteenth day of each and every month, file with the industrial -- accident -- board division duplicate receipts for all payments made during the previous month to injured workmen WORKERS or their beneficiaries or dependents; and statements showing the amounts expended during the previous month for medical, surgical, and hospital services, and for the burial of injured workmen WORKERS."

22 Section 22. Section 92-808, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 23 read as follows:

24 *92-808. Employers and insurers required to file 25 reports of accidents. Every employer of labor and every

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insurer is hereby required to file with the board division, under such rules and-regulations as the board division may, from time to time make, a full and complete report of every 3 accident to an employee arising out of or in the course of his employment and resulting in loss of life or injury to such person. Such reports shall be furnished to the beard division in such form and such detail as the beard division shall from time to time prescribe, and shall make specific answers to all questions required by the beard division under its rules and -- reculations, except, in case he is 10 unable to answer any such questions, a good and sufficient 11 12 reason shall be given for such failure."

15 "92-809. Confidential information used, how. 16 information furnished to the board division by an employer 17 or an insurer shall be open to public inspection, or made 18 public except on order of the beard division, or by the

Section 23. Section 92-809, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

19 beard division or a member of the beard division, in the 20 course of a hearing or proceeding. Any officer or employee

of the beard division who, in violation of the provisions of 22 this section, divulges any information, shall be guilty of a

23 misdemeanor."

24 Section 24. Section 92-812, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

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1 *92-812. Hearings and investigations--technical rules. 2 All hearings and investigations before the beard division, or any member thereof, shall be governed by this act and by 3 4 rules of practice and procedure to be adopted by the beard division, and in the conduct thereof neither the board division nor any member thereof shall be bound by the technical rules of evidence. No informality in any 7 proceedings or in the manner of taking testimony shall invalidate any order, decision, award, rule, or regulation 9 made, approved, or confirmed by the board division." 10

Section 25. Section 92-813, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-813. Depositions may be taken. The board division, or any member thereof, or any party to the action or proceeding may, in any investigation or hearing before the board division, cause the deposition of witnesses residing within or without the state to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for like depositions in civil actions in the district courts of this state, and to that end may compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents, papers, and accounts."

22 Section 26. Section 92-814, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

24 *92-814. Powers of board division. The board division
25 is hereby vested with full power, authority, and

jurisdiction to do and perform any and all things, whether

2 herein specifically designated or in addition thereto, which

3 are necessary or convenient in the exercise of any power,

authority, or jurisdiction conferred upon it under this

5 act."

6 Section 27. Section 92-814.1, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 7 to read as follows:

8 "92-814.1. Requiring claimant to submit to
9 examination--report of physician--cost. In the event of a

10 dispute concerning the physical condition of a claimant, or

ll the cause or causes of his injury or disability, if any, the

12 board division, at the request of the claimant, employer or

13 insurer, as the case may be, shall require the claimant to

14 submit to such examination as it may deem desirable by a

15 physician or physicians within the state of Montana or

16 elsewhere who have had adequate and substantial experience

17 in the particular field of medicine concerned with the

18 matters presented by the dispute. The physician making such

19 <u>the</u> examination shall file a written report of his findings

20 with the beard division for its use in the determination of

21 the controversy involved. The board division shall pay the

22 physician for such the examination and shall be reimbursed

23 by the party who requested it."

24 Section 28. Section 92-815, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

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"92-815. Powers to issue writs and process—fees for serving. (1) The board,—and—each—member—thereof—shall—have power—to division may issue writs of summons, warrants of attachment, warrants of commitment, and all necessary process in proceedings for contempt in like manner and to the same extent as courts of record. The process issued by the board—or—any—member—thereof division shall extend to all parts of the state, and may be served by any persons authorized to serve process of courts of record, or by any person designated for that purpose by the board,—or—any member—thereof division.

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(2) The person executing any such process shall receive such compensation as may be allowed by the beard division, not to exceed the fees now prescribed by law for similar service, and such fees shall be paid in the same manner as provided herein for the fees of witnesses."

Section 29. Section 92-816, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-816. Power to administer oaths, certify official acts, issue subpoenas--witness fees and mileage. The board and---each---member--thereof division, its secretary and referees, shall-have-the--power--to may administer oaths, certify to all official acts, and to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, books, accounts, documents, and testimony in any inquiry,

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investigation, hearing, or proceeding in any part of the state. Each witness who shall appear by order of the boardy 2 or-any-member-thereof division shall be entitled to receive, if demanded, for his attendance the same fees and mileage allowed by law to a witness in civil cases in the district court, which amount shall be paid by the party at whose request such witness is subpoenaed, unless otherwise ordered by the beard division. When any witness, who has not been required to attend at the request of any party, is 9 subpoenaed by the board division, his fees and mileage may 10 be paid from the funds appropriated for the use of the beard 11 division in the same manner as other expenses of the board 12 13 division are paid. Any witness subpoenaed, except one whose fees and mileage may be paid from the funds of the board 14 division, may at the time of service demand the fee to which 15 16 he is entitled for travel to and from the place at which he is required to appear, and one day's attendance. If such 17 witness demands such fees at the time of service and they 18 are not at that time paid or tendered, he shall not be 19 required to attend before the beardy-er-a-member-thereof 20 division or referee, as directed in the subpoena." 21

24 "92-817. Power of district court concerning production 25 of testimony--contempt. The district court in and for the

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Section 30. Section 92-817, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

county in which any inquiry, investigation, hearing, or proceeding may be held by the beardy-er-any-member--thereof division, shall have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses, the giving of testimony, and the production of papers, books, accounts, and documents as required by any subpoena issued by the board, -- or -- any -- member -- -- thereof division. The board, or any member thereof, division before whom the testimony is to be given or produced, in case of the refusal of any witness to attend or testify or produce any papers required by such subpoena, may report to the district court in and for the county in which the proceeding is pending, by petition, setting forth that due notice has 13 been given of the time and place fixed for the attendance of said witness, or the production of said papers, and that the witness has been summoned in the manner prescribed in this act, and that the witness has failed and refused to attend, or produce the papers required by the subpoena before the board--or--any--member--thereof division in the case or proceeding named in the notice and subpoena, or has refused to answer questions propounded to him in the course of such proceedings, and ask an order of said the court compelling the witness to attend and testify or produce said papers before the board division. The court, upon the petition of the board, or any member of the board, division shall enter an order directing the witness to appear before the court at

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the time and place to be fixed by the court in such order. not more than ten days from the date of the order, and then and there show cause why he had not attended or testified. 3 or produced such papers before the beard division. of said the order shall be served upon said the witness. If it shall appear to the court that said the subpoena was regularly issued by the boardy-or-a-member-thereofy division and regularly served, the court shall thereupon enter an order that said the witness appear at the time and place 10 fixed in said the order, and testify or produce the required papers, and upon failure to obey said the order, said the 11 12 witness shall be dealt with as for contempt of court. The 13 remedy provided in this section is cumulative, and shall not 14 be construed to impair or interfere with the power of the boardy --- or -- a--member -- thereofy division to enforce the 15 16 attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, and to 17 punish for contempt, in the same manner and to the same 18 extent as courts of record."

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evidence. Copies of official documents and orders filed or

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Section 31. Section 92-818, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

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read as follows:

1 division, to be true copies of the original, shall be 2 evidence in like manner as the originals. In any court proceeding, wherein the question as to whether or not an 3 employer or employee has complied with and is operating under or bound by the provisions of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act of the state of Montana, is a question for 6 determination, a certificate by a member of the beard 7 8 division, or by the secretary under the official seal of the beard division, certifying that such employer or employee 9 has or has not complied with, and is or is not operating 10 11 under, and is or is not bound by the provisions of the 12 Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act of the state of Montana, 13 shall be prima facie evidence thereof."

14 Section 32. Section 92-819, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-819. Apportionment of costs and disbursements incurred in any proceeding or hearing before the beard, or a member-thereof, division may be apportioned between the parties on the same or adverse sides, in the discretion of the beard division."

22 Section 33. Section 92-820, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-820. Books, records and payrolls to be open to inspection. The books, records, and payrolls of the always be open to inspection by the board division or any duly authorized employee thereof, for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the payroll, the number of men employed, and such other information as may be necessary for the board division and its management under this act.

Refusal on the part of the employer to submit said books, records, and payrolls for such inspection shall subject the offending employer to a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense, to be collected by civil action in the name of the state, and paid into the state treasury."

"92-821. Jurisdiction of beard division to hear disputes and controversies. All proceedings to determine disputes or controversies arising under this act shall be instituted before the beard division, and not elsewhere, and heard and determined by them the division, except as otherwise in this act provided, and the beard division is hereby vested with full power, authority, and jurisdiction to try and finally determine all such matters, subject only to review in the manner and within the time in this act provided."

Section 34. Section 92-821, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

Section 35. Section 92-822, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-822. Presumption as to legality of rules, orders, findings, etc., of beard division. All orders, rules, and regulations, findings, decisions, and awards of the beard division in conformity with law shall be in force and shall be prima facie lawful; and all such orders, rules, and regulations, findings, decisions, and awards shall be conclusively presumed to be reasonable and lawful, until and unless they are modified or set aside by the beard division or upon review."

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Section 36. Section 92-823, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-823. Time for filing--final findings and awards. The beard division shall hold the initial hearing to determine any dispute or controversy arising under this act within ninety (90) days from the date on which such disputed claim was filed with the beard division. After a final hearing by the beard division, it shall within thirty (30) days, make and file its findings upon all facts involved in the controversy, and its award, which shall state its determination as to the right of the parties."

21 Section 37. Section 92-824, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 22 read as follows:

23 "92-824. Power of beard division to award compensation
24 and time and manner of payment. The beard division in its
25 award may fix and determine the total amount of compensation

to be paid, and specify the manner of payment, or may fix
and determine the weekly disability indemnity to be paid,
and order payment thereof during the continuance of such
disability. providing.—however.—that—the The payment of
such award and indemnity shall be in the same manner as that
of undisputed awards and indemnities coming within the
particular plan provided for in this act to which said the
award and indemnity belong."

9 Section 38. Section 92-824.1, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-824.1. Increase in award for unreasonable delay or refusal to pay. When payment of compensation has been unreasonably delayed or refused, either prior or subsequent to the issuance of an award, the full amount of the order, decision or award may be increased by ten per cent (10%) of the weekly award. The question of unreasonable delay or refusal shall be determined by the beard division and such a finding shall constitute good cause to rescind, alter or amend any order, decision or award previously made in said cause for the purpose of making the increase provided herein."

22 Section 39. Section 92-825, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 23 read as follows:

24 "92-825. When a nominal disability indemnity may be 25 awarded. If in any proceeding it is proved that an accident

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has happened for which the employer would be liable to pay compensation if disability has resulted therefrom, but it is not proved that an incapacity has resulted, the beard division may, instead of dismissing the application, award a nominal disability indemnity if it appears that disability is likely to result at a future time."

Section 40. Section 92-826, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-826. Jurisdiction to rescind or amend any order, decision, award, etc. The beard division shall have continuing jurisdiction over all its orders, decisions, and awards, and may, at any time, upon notice, and after opportunity to be heard is given to the parties in interest, rescind, alter, or amend any such order, decision, or award made by it upon good cause appearing therefor. Provided, that the beard division shall not have power to rescind, alter, or amend any final settlement or award of compensation more than four (4) years after the same has been made, and provided further that the board division shall not have the power to rescind, alter or amend any order approving a full and final compromise settlement of compensation. Any order, decision, or award rescinding, altering, or amending a prior order, decision, or award, shall have the same effect as original orders or awards."

Section 41. Section 92-827, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

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restimony to be taken down--attorney's fees--transcripts on appeal--indigent claimants. (1) A full and complete record shall be kept of all proceedings and hearings had before the board, or any member-thereof, division of any formal hearing had, and all testimony produced before the board--or--any member--thereof division shall be taken down by a stenographic reporter appointed by the board division, and the parties shall be entitled to be heard in person or by attorney.

(2) Whenever the claimant or plaintiff is represented by an attorney either before the beard division or the courts, the industrial-accident-board division may, in its discretion or upon the application of the claimant or plaintiff, fix the amount of the attorney fee of the attorney representing the claimant or plaintiff, and the fee fixed by the board division shall be paid by claimant or plaintiff.

(3) In cases of an action to review any order or decision of the beard division, a transcript of such testimony, together with all exhibits, and of the pleadings, records, and proceedings in the cause shall constitute the record of the beard division. Provided-further, that the beard The division must furnish a copy of such testimony,

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written exhibits, pleadings, records and proceedings to the claimant without cost.

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(4) After judgment on appeal to the district court, an indigent claimant, deeming himself aggrieved, may file in said the court an affidavit that he does not have money, property or credit sufficient to pay for the cost of a transcript on appeal to the supreme court, and the clerk of court serve a copy by registered mail, return receipt requested, on the industrial-accident-board; -the division. The affidavit shall be prima facie evidence of the truth of the facts stated therein; in-the-event If the board-contest division contests the allegations, the court shall fix a date for the hearing thereof, not less than five (5) nor more than ten (10) days from the date of filing, and shall make its determination of the controversy, and if it be found and adjudged that the claimant does not have sufficient money, property or credit to pay for such the transcript. the order shall direct the industrial-accident board division to furnish the same at its expense to be paid from the industrial accident administrative earmarked revenue account.

(5) All proceedings on such appeal, including preparation, presentation and settlement of the bill of exceptions, shall be continued pending determination of the controversy.

1	(6) If the beard division does not co	ontest the
2	allegations of the claimant's affidavit within te	n <u>(10)</u> days
3	from receipt, it shall be deemed in default an	d the court
4	shall make its order in favor of claimant on exp	iration of
5	such period."	

- 6 Section 42. Section 92-828, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- 8 "92-828. Collateral attack not permitted. No orders or
 9 decisions of the beard division shall be subject to
 10 collateral attack, and may be reviewed or modified only in
 11 the manner provided therein."
- Section 43. Section 92-829, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- 14 *92-829. Application for rehearing. At any time within
 15 twenty (20) days after the service of any order or decision
 16 of the beard division, any party or parties aggrieved
 17 thereby may apply for a rehearing upon one or more of the
 18 following grounds, and upon no other grounds:
- 19 (1) That the beard <u>division</u> acted without or in excess 20 of its powers;
- 21 (2) That the order, decision, or award was procured by 22 fraud;
- 23 (3) That the evidence does not justify the findings:
- 24 (4) That the applicant has discovered new evidence, 25 material to him, and which he could not, with reasonable

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- 2 (5) That the findings do not support the order,
 3 decision, or award;
- 4 (6) That the order, decision, or award is unreasonable.*
- 6 Section 44. Section 92-830, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
 - "92-830. Beard Division may at any time diminish or increase an award. Nothing contained in the preceding section shall, however, be construed to limit the right of the beard division, at any time after the date of its award, and from time to time after due notice and upon the application of any party interested, to review, diminish, or increase, within the limits provided by this act, any compensation awarded upon the grounds that the disability of the person in whose favor such award was made has either increased or diminished or terminated."
- 18 Section 45. Section 92-831, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 19 read as follows:
 - "92-831. Application for rehearing-contents-rules of procedure. The application for rehearing shall set forth specifically and in full detail the grounds upon which the applicant considers said the order, decision, award, rule, or regulation to be unjust, or unlawful, and shall in other respects conform to such rules and-regulations as the board

1	division may prescribe. The beard-shall-have-full-power-and
2	authorityto-make-and-prescribe division may adopt rules to
3	govern the procedure upon rehearing, and any matter before
4	it and any order made after such rehearing abrogating or
5	changing the original order shall have the same force and
6	effect as an original order, and shall not affect any right,
7	or enforcement of any right, arising from or by virtue of
8	the original order."

- 9 Section 46. Section 92-832, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:
- "92-832. Application for rehearing or appeal shall not operate as stay. An application for rehearing or the appeal hereinafter provided shall not excuse any employer, employee, or other person from complying with or obeying any order or requirement of the beard division, or operate in any manner to stay or postpone the enforcement of an order or requirement thereof, except as the beard division or the court may direct."
- 19 Section 47. Section 92-834, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 20 read as follows:

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"92-834. How appeal taken -- notice -- record -trial. Said The appeal shall be taken by serving a written
notice--of--said-appeal-upon-the-chairman-of-such-industrial
accident-commissiony-or-upon-any-other-member-thercofy-which
said-service-shall-be-made-by-the-delivery-of-a copy of such

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a notice of appeal to--such--chairman--or--member, on the ADMINISTRATOR OF THE division and filing the original with the clerk of the court to which said the appeal is taken. A copy of such the notice must also be served upon the adversary party, if there-be any, by mailing the same copy to said the adversary party to such the address of such the party as said the party shall have left with the board division. If such the party shall-have has left no address with the board division, then no service upon such the party shall be required. The order of filing and service of said the notice is immaterial. Immediately upon service upon said-board the division of said the notice, the said--board division shall certify to said the district court the entire record and proceedings, including all testimony and evidence taken by said-board the division, with the clerk of said the district court. Immediately upon the return of such the certified record, the district court shall fix a day for the hearing of said the cause, and shall cause notice to be served upon the beard division and upon the appellant, and also upon the adversary party, if there be any. The court upon the hearing, for good cause shown, permit additional evidence to be introduced, but, in the absence of such permission from the court, the cause shall be heard on the record of the beard division, as certified to the court by it. The trial of the matter shall be de novo, and upon

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such trial the court shall determine whether or not the board division regularly pursued its authority, and whether or not the findings of the board division ought to be sustained, and whether or not such findings are reasonable under all the circumstances of the case."

6 Section 48. Section 92-835, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

92-835. Appearances -- setting aside conclusions. orders, etc., of beard division -- judgment and findings. The beard division and each party to the action or proceeding before the board division shall have the right to appear in the proceeding, and it shall be the duty of the board division to so appear. If the court shall-find finds from such the trial, as aforesaid, that the findings and conclusions of the beard division are not in accordance with either the facts or the law, or that they ought to be other or different than those made by the beard division, or that finding and conclusion, or any order, rule, or requirement of the board division is unreasonable, the court shall set aside such the finding, conclusion, order, judgment, decree, rule, or requirement of said-board the division, or shall modify or change the same as law and justice shall require, and the court shall also make and enter any finding, conclusion, order or judgment that shall

be required, or shall be legal and proper in the premises."

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Section 49. Section 92-836, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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*92-836. Appeals to supreme court. Either the board division, or the appellant, or any adversary party, if there be one, may appeal to the supreme court of the state of Montana from any final order, judgment, or decree of the said district court, which said appeal shall be taken in like manner as appeals are now taken in other civil actions to the said supreme court, and upon such appeal the said supreme court shall make such orders in reference to a stay of proceedings as it finds to be just in the premises, and may stay the operation of any order, judgment, or decree of said the district court, without requiring any bond or undertaking from the applicant for such stay. When any such cause is so appealed it shall have precedence upon the calendar of the said supreme court, and shall be tried anew by said the supreme court upon the record made in said the district court and before said--beard the division, and judgment and decree shall be entered therein as expeditiously as possible."

21 Section 50. Section 92-842, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 22 read as follows:

23 "92-842. Annual report-copies for general
24 distribution. The board division shall, not later than the
25 first-day-of October 1 of each year, make a report to the
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governor covering its entire operations and proceedings for
the preceding fiscal year, with such suggestions or
recommendations as it may deem of value for public
information. A reasonable number of copies of such report
shall be printed for general distribution."

6 Section 51. Section 92-903, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

*92-903. Employer permitted to carry on business and settle directly with employee -- renewal of application. If such employer, making such election, shall be found by the board division to have the requisite financial ability to pay the compensation and benefits in this act provided for, then the beard division shall grant to such the employer permission to carry on his said business for the fiscal year within which such election is made, and such proof filed, or the remaining portion of such fiscal year, and to make such payments directly to his employees as they may become entitled to receive the same. Every employer, so long as he continues in his said employment, and so long as he continues to be bound by such compensation plan No. 1, shall, at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of each fiscal year, renew his application to be permitted to continue to make such payments as aforesaid directly to his employees for the next ensuing fiscal year, and under like

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permission upon such first application, the board may renew the same from year to year."

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3 Section 52. Section 92-904, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 4 read as follows:

"92-904. Additional proof of solvency--revocation of order. The beard division may at any time require from any employer acting under compensation plan No. 1 additional proof of solvency and financial ability to pay the compensation provided by this act, and may at any time, upon notice to such employer of not less than ten (10) or more than twenty (20) days, after and upon a full hearing, revoke any order or approval theretofore made."

Section 53. Section 92-905, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-905. Requiring security of employer. If said industrial—accident—beard—shall—find the division finds that such an employer has does not have the financial responsibility for the payment of the compensation herein provided to be paid, which might reasonably be expected to be chargeable to such the employer during the fiscal year to be covered by such the permission, said-industrial-accident beard-must-so-find;—and the division must require such the employer, before granting to him such permission, or before continuing or engaging in such employment, subject to the provisions of compensation plan No. 1, to give security for

such payment, which security must be in such an amount as said-board-shall-find the division finds is reasonable and necessary to meet all liabilities of such the employer, which may reasonably and ordinarily be expected to accrue during such the fiscal year. Said The security must be deposited with the treasurer-of-the-board division, and may be a certain estimated per--centum percent of said the employer's last preceding annual payroll, or a certain per centum percent of the established amount of his annual 10 payroll for said the fiscal year or said the security may be 11 in the form of a bond or undertaking executed to said 12 industrial--accident--board the division in the amount to be 13 fixed by it with two (2) or more sufficient sureties, which 14 undertaking must be conditioned that such the employer will 15 well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, all such sums and 16 amounts for which the employer shall become liable under the 17 terms of this act to his employees during said the fiscal 18 year; or such security may consist of any state, county, 19 municipal, or school district bonds, or the bonds or evidence of indebtedness of any individuals or corporations 20 21 which the beard-may-deem division deems solvent; and every 22 such deposit and the character and amount of such securities 23 shall at all times be subject to approval, revision, or 24 change by the board division as in its judgment may be required, and upon proof of the final payment of the

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read as follows:

liability for which such securities are given, such securities, or any remaining part thereof, shall be returned to the depositor. The treasurer-of-the-board-and-his bondsmen-shall-be division is liable for the value and safekeeping of all such deposits or securities, and shall, at any time, upon demand of the a bondsmen or the depositor or-the-board, account for the same, and the earnings thereof."

9 Section 54. Section 92-906, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to 10 read as follows:

"92-906. Failure of employer to pay compensation—duty of beard division. Upon the failure of said the employer to pay any compensation provided for in this act, upon the terms and in the amounts and at the times when the same shall become due and payable, it the division shall be—the duty—of—such—state—accident—beard, upon demand of the person to whom compensation is due, to apply any deposits made with the beard division to the payment of the same, and it the division shall be—its—duty—to take the proper steps to convert any securities on deposit with the said—beard division, or sufficient thereof, into cash and to pay the same upon the liabilities of said the employer, accruing under the terms of this act, and it—shall—be—its—duty—in—se far—as—the—same—shall—be—the division shall when necessary, to collect and enforce the collection of the liability of

all sureties upon any bonds which may be given by the said

employer to insure the payment of his said liability. And

to these ends, and for these purposes, the beard division

shall be deemed to be the owner of said the deposit and

security and the obligee in said the bond in trust for the

said purposes, and may proceed in its own name to recover

upon such the bonds, or foreclose and liquidate said the

securities.*

Section 55. Section 92-907, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

"92-907. When employer to make deposit or security to guarantee payment of compensation. Within thirty (30) days after the happening of an accident where death or the nature of the injury renders the amount of future payments certain, or reasonably certain, the employer shall make a deposit or give security as herein defined with the treasurer-of-the board division for the protection and guaranty of the payment of such liability, in such sum as the board division may direct, provided, however, that However, if sufficient securities are already on deposit with the said-board division, or if the said-board-shall-have-determined division determines that the employer has sufficient financial responsibility to meet said the liabilities already

accrued, no such additional deposit or security shall be

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demanded."

Section 56. Section 92-908, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to

read as follows:

"92-908. When employer may be relieved from liability.

5 Any employer against whom liability may exist for

compensation under this act, may, with the approval of the

beard division, be relieved therefrom by:

- (1) Depositing the present value or the estimated present value of the total unpaid compensation for which such liability exists, assuming interest at five per--centum percent per annum, with the treasurer-of-the-board division; or,
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- (2) Purchasing an annuity within the limitations provided by law, in any insurance company granting annuities, and authorized to transact business in this state, subject to the approval of the beard division."
- 17 Section 57. Section 92-1002, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 18 to read as follows:
 - "92-1002. Duty of employer electing plan No. 2--amount of insurance necessary. Any employer electing to become bound by compensation plan No. 2 shall make his election on the form and in the manner prescribed by the beard division. Such election shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by the insurer on the form prescribed by the beard division, which shall state the effective date of

- 1 the policy insuring the employer, its expiration date and
- 2 such other information as may be required by the board
- 3 division to inform the beard division of the adequacy of the
- 4 insurance."
- 5 Section 58. Section 92-1004, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 *92-1004. Agreement to be contained in policies of
- 8 insurance--deposit of bonds. No such policy shall be issued
- 9 unless it contains the agreement of the insurer that it will
- 10 promptly pay to the person entitled to compensation all the
- ll installments of compensation or other payments in this act
- 12 provided for, and that the obligation shall not be affected
- 13 by any default of the insured after the injury, or by any
- 14 default in the giving of any notice required by such policy
- 15 or by this act or otherwise. Such agreement shall be
- 16 construed to be a direct promise by the insured to the
- 17 person entitled to compensation. Before issuance of any
- 18 policy by an insurer as herein authorized, such insurer must
- 19 deposit with the treasurer-of-the-industrial-accident-board
- 20 division, bonds of the United States or the state of
- 21 Montana, or of any school district, county, city or town in
- 22 the state of Montana, or a corporate surety bond made out to
- 23 and approved by the beard division, in an amount not less
- 24 than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or more than one
- 25 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), as the industrial

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1 accident -- beard division may determine. If any insurer shall fail fails to discharge any liability after the amount 2 thereof shall be determined by the beard division, and within the time limited by the division, boardy-it-shall--be the--duty--ef--the-board-to the division shall convert said the bonds, or such part thereof as is necessary, into cash, 7 from the proceeds liquidate such liability; and 8 thereafter said the insurer must make an additional deposit 9 to meet any deficiency caused thereby. It is intended hereby to give the industrial -- ascident -- board division the 10 11 discretion in the matter of whether an insurer has failed to 12 discharge any liability." 13 Section 59. Section 92-1005, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 14 to read as follows:

"92-1005. (2982) Policies made subject to this act--assessment of insurers. (1) Every policy for the insurance of the compensation herein provided for, or against liability therefor, shall be deemed to be made subject to the provisions of this act. No insurer shall enter into any such policy of insurance unless its forms shall have been approved by the board division, and as otherwise provided by law.

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23 (2) On or before the-first-day-of July 1 of each year, 24 the board division shall assess and each insurer shall pay 25 to the beard division not to exceed three and one-fourths

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per cent (3 1/4%) of its gross annual direct premiums collected in Montana on policies of insurance insuring employers who elected to become bound by the compensation plan No. 2 during the previous calendar year, less return premiums. No such assessment shall be less than two hundred dollars (\$200). The treasurer-of-the-board division shall pay the amounts so collected into the state treasury. Payments by such the insurers under this section shall be considered as items of loss for rate-making purposes." Section 60. Section 92-1006, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: "92-1006. Renewals. Every certificate of renewal of such policy shall be made and delivered to said--board the division at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the expiring policy." Section 61. Section 92-1007, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: "92-1007. Deposits by insurer with beard division. Within thirty (30) days of the happening of an accident where death or the nature of the injury renders the amount of future payments certain or reasonably certain, the 21 22 insurer shall make a deposit, as herein defined, with the 23 treasurer-of-the--board division for the protection and 24 guarantee of the payment of such liability in such sum as 25 the board division may direct, provided, that However, if -44-HB 22

the beard division deems the amount on deposit by said the insurer under the provisions of section 92-1004 sufficient to cover all liabilities of the insurer, then no further deposit shall be required."

Section 62. Section 92-1008, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-1008. How insurer relieved from liability. Any insurer against whom liability may exist for compensation under this act, may, with the approval of the beard division, be relieved therefrom by:

(1) Depositing the present value or the estimated present value of the total unpaid compensation for which such liability exists, assuming interest at five per--centum percent per annum, with the treasurer-of-the-board division; or,

(2) By purchasing an annuity within the limitations provided by law in any insurance company granting annuities, and authorized to transact business in this state, subject to the approval of the beard division."

Section 63. Section 92-1009, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

of insurance issued under the provisions of compensation plan No. 2 shall be canceled within the time limited for its expiration except upon thirty (30) days' notice to the

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employer in favor of whom such policy is issued, and to the deard division, unless such policy sought to be canceled shall have been sooner replaced by other insurance.

4 Section 64. Section 92-1010, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

6 "92-1010. Report of insurance companies to beard
7 division. Every insurance company transacting business under
8 this act shall, at the time and in the manner prescribed by
9 the board division, make and file with the board division
10 such reports of accidents as the board division may
11 require."

12 Section 65. Section 92-1101, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 13 to read as follows:

14 "92-1101. What necessary in electing plan No.
15 3--percentage of payroll to be paid under plan.
16 COMPENSATION PLAN NUMBER THREE

Every employer subject to the provisions of compensation plan No. 3 shall at the times and in the manner prescribed by the industrial-accident-board division, pay to the industrial-accident-board division a premium based on a percentage of his payroll as determined by the industrial accident-board division which shall be a member of a rating organization in accordance with the provisions of this act."

24 Section 66. Section 92-1102, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

25 to read as follows:

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"92-1102. Permitting employers to elect to comply and come under the provisions of this act. An employer shall comply with the provisions of this act, in which event he will not be liable to respond in damages at common law or by statute for injury or death of an employee and shall enjoy the benefits and privileges of this act. The employee of the employer is considered to come under the provisions of this act unless the employee executes and files with the division on proper forms to be furnished for that purpose, a specific election not to be so bound, in which event he shall not enjoy the benefits or privileges of this act until the election is withdrawn."

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Section 67. Section 92-1103, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-1103. Manner of electing-contract or policy of insurance-payment of premium. The industrial-accident-board division shall prescribe the procedure by which employers may elect to be bound by compensation plan No. 3, the effective time of such election and the manner in which such election is terminated for reasons other than default in payment of premiums. Every employer electing to be bound by compensation plan No. 3 shall receive from the industrial accident-board division a contract or policy of insurance in a form approved by the board division. The premium thereon shall be paid by the employer, to the industrial-accident

board division at such times as the board division shall
prescribe and shall be paid over by the board division to
the state treasurer to the credit of the industrial
insurance account in the agency fund."

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5 Section 68. Section 92-1104, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 6 to read as follows:

7 *92-1104, Classifications by beard division. The industrial-accident-board division is hereby given full power and authority to determine premium rates and 10 classifications as in its judgment and experience, and as member of a rating organization as is otherwise provided for 11 in this code, may be necessary or expedient, provided that 12 1.3 no change in the classification or rates prescribed shall be effective until thirty (30) days after the date of the order 14 making such change." 15

Section 69. Section 92-1105, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

18 "92-1105. Intent and purpose of plan No. 3. (1) It is
19 the intent and purpose of compensation plan No. 3 that each
20 industry, trade, occupation or employment coming under the
21 provisions of said the plan shall be liable to pay for
22 injuries happening to employees coming under the provisions
23 of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act.

24 <u>(2)</u> All premiums, penalties, recoveries by 25 subrogation, interest earned upon money belonging to the

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fund, and securities acquired by or through use of money
shall be deposited in the industrial insurance account in
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(3) The industrial insurance program shall be neither more nor less than self-supporting. Employments affected by the provisions hereof shall be divided by the beard division as a member of a rating organization into classes, whose rates may be readjusted at such times as the beard division as a member of such rating organization may determine. Separate accounts shall be kept of the amounts collected and expended in each class for determining rates but for payment of compensation and dividends the industrial insurance account shall be one and indivisable. The beard division as a member of such rating organization shall determine the hazards of the different classes of occupations or industries and fix the premiums therefor at the lowest rate consistent with maintenance of a solvent industrial insurance fund, and the creation of surplus and reserves and for such purpose may adopt a system of schedule rating in such a manner as to take account of the peculiar hazard of each risk, and shall take advantage of the experience and information afforded to it as a member of such rating organization.

(4) The beard division in fixing rates shall provide for the expenses of administering the industrial insurance

account allowed by law, the disbursements on account of injuries and deaths of employees in each class, an adequate catastrophe reserve, reserves adequate to meet anticipated and unexpected losses, and such other reserves and surplus as may be determined by the beard division as a member of such rating organization.

7 Section 70. Section 92-1105.1, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 8 to read as follows:

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"92-1105.1. Advanced rate for dangerous places of employment. If by reason of poor or careless management, or otherwise, any place of employment be is unduly dangerous in comparison with other like places of employment, and the employer operating the same shall has not have complied with the safety provisions of the Montana Safety Act, and such the employer shall-be is under compensation plan number 3. the beard division, in addition to any other penalty provided, shall advance the rate upon such place of employment fifty (50) per centy. and-such The advanced rate shall continue and be in force until such the place of employment shall-have has ceased to be unduly dangerous in comparison with other like places of employment and such the employer shall-have has obtained a certificate of the board division."

24 Section 71. Section 92-1108, R.C.N. 1947, is amended 25 to read as follows:

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"92-1108. In case of default, rates to be advanced twenty-five per cent (25%). Any employer who is in default in the observance of any order of the beard division, issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 92-1101 to 92-1105, inclusive, shall, in addition to any other penalty provided by this act, be charged an advance of twenty-five per-centum percent (25%) over the established rate, and such advanced rate shall continue and be in force until such the employer shall-have has ceased to be in such default."

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10 Section 72. Section 92-1110, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 11 to read as follows:

*92-1110. Surplus in industrial insurance account. If at the end of any fiscal year, there exists in the industrial insurance account in the agency fund an excess of assets over liabilities, and a reasonable surplus, such liabilities to include necessary reserves, which excess may be divided safely, then the beard division may declare a dividend in such manner as the rules of the beard division may prescribe, to those employers who have paid premiums into the industrial insurance account in the agency fund in excess of liabilities chargeable to them in the account in the agency fund for that year. In determining the amount or proportion of such the balance to which the employer is entitled as dividends, the beard division shall give consideration to the prior paid premiums and accident

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experience of each individual employer during the dividend year," Section 73. Section 92-1112, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 3 to read as follows: "92-1112. Investment of reserve--payment installments. The treasurer-of-the-board division shall turn over such the reserve to the state board of land commissioners investments to be invested and the same shall be invested by said-state the board of land--commissioners 10 investments as part of the long term investment fund and out of the same and its earnings shall be paid the monthly 11 installments, and any lump sum, then or thereafter arranged for. provided -- however -- that However, when there is 13 sufficient money in the industrial insurance account in the 15 agency fund to meet such compensation payments, any surplus 16 remaining may be invested as specified in this section." 17 Section 74. Section 92-1113, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: 1.8 19 "92-1113. Preasurer Division to keep accounts of 20 segregations. The treasurer-of-the-board division shall keep

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an accurate account of all such segregations of the

industrial insurance account in the agency fund, and upon

direction-of-the-board shall divert from the account any

sums necessary to meet monthly payments, pending the

conversion into cash of any security, and in such case shall

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2 Section 75. Section 92-1114, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: "92-1114. Collection in case of default employer--cancellation of right to operate under plan No. 3 for failure to pay premium. (1) If any employer under plan No. 3 shall default in any payment to the industrial accident-beard division, the sum due may be collected by an action at law in the name of the state and such right of 10 action shall be cumulative. The industrial -- accident -- board division is hereby authorized in its discretion to cancel an 11 employer's right to operate under plan No. 3 of the 12 Werkmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act for failure to pay the 1.3 premiums due; provided -- that -- when When the industrial 14 accident -- beard division makes an order canceling an 15 employer's right for failure to pay premiums it shall be the 16 17 duty of the industrial-accident-beard division to make such order at least thirty (30) days before the cancellation 18 19 becomes effective and to send a formal notice to the sheriff or sheriffs of the county or counties where the employer is 20 operating, and it shall be the duty of the said sheriff or 21 sheriffs to post a notice in at least three (3) conspicuous places where the workmen WORKERS can readily see said 23 notices, to the effect that the industrial-accident-board 24 division has canceled the right of the said employer to

repay the same out of the cash realized from the security."

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operate under the act; and said notice shall give the date of the effectiveness of said order. After said the cancellation date the said employer shall have the same status as an employer who is not enrolled under the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act.

(2) When an employer's right to operate has been canceled by the beard division for failure to pay premiums and when the beard division, in its discretion finds that the property and assets of said the employer are not 10 sufficient to pay said the premiums, the board division may 11 compromise said the claim for premiums and accept a payment of an amount less than the total amount due." 12

13 Section 76. Section 92-1115, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: 14

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"92-1115. Injury happening while employer is default. For any injury happening to any of his-workmen THE EMPLOYER'S WORKERS during default in any payment to the industrial -- accident-board division, the defaulting employer as to such injury shall be considered as having elected not to come under the provisions of this act, except that he shall be and remain liable to pay to the industrial-accident beard division the amount of such default, together with the penalty prescribed by section 92-1108."

24 Section 77. Section 92-1117, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-1117. Prosecution or settlement of cause of action. Any cause of action assigned to the state under the preceding section may be prosecuted or compromised by the beard division, in its discretion."

Section 78. Section 92-1118, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-1118. Application for compensation under plan No.

3. Where a workman WORKER is entitled to compensation under compensation plan No. 3, he THE WORKER shall file with the beard division his AN application therefor, together with the certificate of the physician who attended him, and it shall be the duty of such physician to lend all necessary assistance in making application for compensation and such proof of other matters as may be required by the rules of the beard division without charge to the workmant. provided; that—the The filing of a certificate of the attending physician shall does not constitute a sworn claim for compensation."

19 Section 79. Section 92-1119, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 20 to read as follows:

"92-1119. Payment of physician. For a proper compliance with the provisions of the preceding section, the physician, after approval by the board division, shall be paid out of the board's division's administrative moneys in the earmarked revenue fund, one and one-half dollars (\$1.50)

for each case."

2 Section 80. Section 92-1120, R.C.M. 1947, is amended
3 to read as follows:

"92-1120. Application in case of death. Where death results from the injury, the parties entitled to compensation under compensation plan No. 3, or someone in their behalf, shall make application for the same to the beard division. The application must be accompanied with proof of death and proof of relationship, showing the parties entitled to compensation, certificate of the attending physician, if any, and such other proof as may be required by the rules of the beard division."

13 Section 81. Section 92-1122, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 14 to read as follows:

"92-1122. Disbursements out of industrial accident account--employer to pay warrant. Disbursements out of the industrial insurance account in the agency fund shall be made by the treasurer-of-the-board-as-the--board--may--order division. If at any time there shall is not be sufficient money in the account with which to pay any warrants drawn thereon, the employer, on account of whose workmen WORKERS the warrant was drawn, shall pay the same, and upon his next contribution to such the account he shall be credited with the amount so paid, with interest thereon at the rate of six per--centum percent per annum from the date of such payment

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to the date upon which the next assessment becomes payable;
and if the amount of the credit exceeds the amount of such
assessment, he shall have a warrant upon such account for
the excess, and if said the warrant be is not paid for want
of funds, it shall be credited to such the employer and be
applied upon succeeding assessments."

Section 82. Section 92-1123, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

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"92-1123. Earnings and interest on deposits—treasurer to-make-no-profit. All earnings made by the industrial insurance account in the agency fund by reason of interest paid for the deposit thereof, or otherwise, shall be credited to and become a part of said the account, and the making of profit, either directly or indirectly, by the treasurer—of-the-board,—or any other person, out of the use of the account shall constitute a felony, and on conviction thereof shall subject the person making such profit to imprisonment in the state penitentiary for a term not exceeding two years, or a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both such fine and imprisonment, and the-treasurer-of-the-board-shall-be-liable-upon-his-official bend-for-all-profits-realized-for-any-unlawful--use--of--the

Section 83. Section 92-1401, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

1 "92-1401. Reference to vocational rehabilitation division of injured workmen WORKERS. The industrial-accident board-of-the-state-of-Montana division of workmen's WORKERS' compensation shall refer to the vocational-rehabilitation division-of-the-board-of-education-of-the-state--of--Montana department of social and rehabilitation services workmen WORKERS who have become permanently disabled as the result of injuries sustained within the scope and course of employment by an employer enrolled under the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act of the state of Montana and who in 10 the opinion of said-board the division can be vocationally 11 rehabilitated. -and-said-vocational-rehabilitation-division 12 The department of social and rehabilitation services shall 14 provide for the vocational rehabilitation of such the injured workmen WORKERS under the provisions of Title 41, 15 Chapter 8, Revised--Codes--of--Montana, R.C.M. 1947 and 16 amendments-thereto. " 17 18 Section 84. Section 92-1402, R.C.M. 1947, is amended

18 Section 84. Section 92-1402, R.C.M. 1947, is amended 19 to read as follows:

*92-1402. Certification of determination to industrial accident---board division--review of award. When said vocational-rehabilitation-division the department of social and rehabilitation services has provided all feasible vocational rehabilitation to such an injured workmen WORKER or has determined that vocational rehabilitation is not

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1 possible or feasible, it shall certify its determination to said-industrial-accident-board the division, at which time said--beard the division shall reconsider and review any previous award of compensation to such the injured workman WORKER which is then in effect."

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6 Section 85. Section 92-1406, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"92-1406. Industrial accident rehabilitation account. (1) The payments provided in section 92-1403 shall be made from the industrial accident rehabilitation account in the agency fund. Payments to such the account shall be made on or before the-first-day-of July 1 of each year as follows:

(1) (a) By each employer operating under the provisions of plan one of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act, an amount to be assessed by the industrial-accident-board division, not exceeding one per cent (1%) compensation paid to the employer's injured employees in Montana for the preceding fiscal year.

(2) (b) By each insurer insuring employers under the provisions of plan two of the Workmen's WORKERS' Compensation Act an amount to be assessed by the industrial accident -- beard division, not exceeding one per cent (1%) of the compensation paid to injured employees of its insured in Montana during the preceding fiscal year.

(3) (c) By the industrial-accident--board division an -59-HB 22

amount to be determined by the industrial-accident-board 1 division, not exceeding one per cent (1%) of the compensation paid to injured employees in Montana from the industrial insurance account in the agency fund and the occupational disease account in the agency fund for the preceding fiscal year.

(2) Separate accounts of the amounts collected and disbursements made from the industrial accident rehabilitation account in the agency fund shall be kept for each of the plans. If in any fiscal year, the amount collected from the employers under any plan exceeds the amount of payments for employees of the employers under such plan, the assessment against the employers under such plan for the following year shall be reduced.

(3) The payments herein provided for shall be made to the industrial -- accident -- board division which shall credit the sums paid to the said industrial accident rehabilitation account which shall be in the custody of the state treasurer. Disbursements from the said account shall be made after approval by the division-of-vecational-rehabilitation department of social and rehabilitation services and upon audit and approval by the state-controller-and-purchasing agent department of administration.

24 (4) No part of the funds allocated or contributed as 25 herein provided and contemplated shall be used in payment of

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L	administrative expenses of t	he industrial—ac	eidentboard
2	division or vocational-rehabi	litation-division	department of
3	social and rehabilitation ser	vices."	

4 SECTION 86. SECTION 92-101, R.C.M. 1947, IS AMENDED TO 5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

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18 19 "92-101. Name of act -- what each part to contain. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Workmen's Compensation Act or the Workers' Compensation Act. Part I (sections 92-101 to 92-843) shall contain those sections which have a general application to the whole of the act, and may be referred to as the "general provisions"; part II (sections 92-901 to 92-908) shall contain those sections which refer to compensation plan number one; part III (sections 92-1001 to 92-1012) shall contain those sections which refer to compensation plan number two; part IV (sections 92-1101 to 92-1123) shall contain those sections which refer to compensation plan number two; part IV

SECTION 87. SECTION 82A-1004, R.C.M. 1947, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"32A-1004. Division of workmen's workers' compensation

-- creation -- head. (1) There is created a division of

workmen's workers' compensation within the department. The

division head is an administrator appointed by the governor

as are directors in accordance with section 82A-106 of this

act. Any reference in the Revised Codes of Montana, 1947 Any

- 1 reference-in-the-Revised-Codes-of-Montana, 1947 to the
 2 industrial accident board or the division of workmen's
 3 compensation means the division of workers' compensation.
- 4 (2) The division is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in section 82A-108 of this act. However, the division may hire its own personnel, and section 82A-108(2)(d) does not apply."
- 8 Section 88. Sections 92-104, 92-105, 92-108 through 9 92-110, 92-112 through 92-115, 92-414, 92-415, 92-419,
- 10 92-420, 92-427, 92-428, 92-430, 92-431, 92-611, 92-612, 11 92-841, 92-843, 92-1404, R.C.M. 1947 are repealed.

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