

and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect May 1, 1979.

Passed the House March 8, 1979.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1979.

Approved by the Governor March 23, 1979.

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CHAPTER 103

[Substitute House Bill No. 425]

CIVIL ACTIONS—MANDATORY ARBITRATION

AN ACT Relating to mandatory arbitration of civil actions; creating a new chapter in Title 7 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The superior court of a county by majority vote of the judges thereof may authorize mandatory arbitration of civil actions under this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. All civil actions, except for appeals from municipal or justice courts, which are at issue in the superior court in counties which have authorized arbitration, where the sole relief sought is a money judgment, and where no party asserts a claim in excess of ten thousand dollars, exclusive of interest and costs, are subject to mandatory arbitration.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The supreme court shall by rule adopt procedures to implement mandatory arbitration of civil actions under this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The qualifications and appointment of arbitrators shall be prescribed by rules adopted by the supreme court. Arbitrators shall be compensated in the same amount and manner as judges pro tempore of the superior court.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Following a hearing as prescribed by court rule, the arbitrator shall file his decision and award with the clerk of the superior court, together with proof of service thereof on the parties. Within twenty days after such filing, any aggrieved party may file with the clerk a written notice of appeal and request for a trial de novo in the superior court on all issues of law and fact. Such trial de novo shall thereupon be held, including a right to jury, if demanded.

If no appeal has been filed at the expiration of twenty days following filing of the arbitrator's decision and award, the clerk shall enter the arbitrator's decision and award as a final judgment in the cause, which shall have the same force and effect as judgments in civil actions.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The supreme court may by rule provide for costs and reasonable attorney's fees that may be assessed against a party

appealing from the award who fails to improve his position on the trial de novo.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. No provision of this chapter may be construed to abridge the right to trial by jury.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 7 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

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CHAPTER 104

[House Bill No. 612]

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE—PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITIES—
COMPENSATION

AN ACT Relating to industrial insurance; amending section 51.32.080, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 46, chapter 350, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 51.32.080; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 51.32.080, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 46, chapter 350, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 51.32.080 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) For the permanent partial disabilities here specifically described, the injured worker shall receive compensation as follows:

LOSS BY AMPUTATION

Of leg above the knee joint with short thigh stump (3" or less below the tuberosity of ischium)	\$(18,000.00)	<u>36,000.00</u>
Of leg at or above knee joint with functional stump	\$(16,200.00)	<u>32,400.00</u>
Of leg below knee joint	\$(14,400.00)	<u>28,800.00</u>
Of leg at ankle (Syme)	\$(12,600.00)	<u>25,200.00</u>
Of foot at mid-metatarsals	\$(6,300.00)	<u>12,600.00</u>
Of great toe with resection of metatarsal bone	\$(3,780.00)	<u>7,560.00</u>
Of great toe at metatarsophalangeal joint	\$(2,268.00)	<u>4,536.00</u>
Of great toe at interphalangeal joint	\$(1,200.00)	<u>2,400.00</u>