

CHAPTER 539.

AN ACT to amend 56.21 of the statutes, relating to compensation to injured prisoners.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

56.21 of the statutes is amended to read:

56.21 If an inmate of a state institution, in the performance of his work in connection with the maintenance of the institution or of any industry maintained therein, is injured so as to permanently incapacitate him or materially reduce his earning power, he may, upon * * * *being released from such institution either upon parole or upon final discharge*, be allowed and paid such compensation as the industrial commission finds him entitled to. He shall be compensated on the same basis as he would be had the injury been covered by the workmen's compensation act, except that the total paid to any such inmate shall not exceed \$1,000 and may be paid in instalments. If the injury results from employment in a prison industry, the payment shall be made from the revolving appropriation for its operation. If there is no revolving appropriation, payment shall be made from the general fund.

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