

the White Stone Hills Battlefield grounds, with the monuments, markers and improvements thereon, in Dickey County, the title to which is in the State of North Dakota, is hereby vested in the State Historical Society of North Dakota, as Trustee for the State.

Approved February 24, 1923.

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## WOMEN

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### CHAPTER 346.

(S. B. No. 363—Whitman, by request.)

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#### HOURS OF LABOR FOR FEMALES.

An Act to Amend and Re-enact Chapter 170 of the Session Laws of North Dakota for the year 1919, Being an Act regulating and fixing the hours of labor for Females, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. AMENDMENT.) Chapter 170 of the Session Laws of North Dakota for the year 1919, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 1.) No female shall be employed in any manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment, laundry, hotel or restaurant, or telephone or telegraph establishment or office, or in any express or transportation company, in the State of North Dakota more than eight and one-half (8½) hours in any one day, or more than six (6) days or more than forty-eight (48) hours in any one week; provided, however, that this Act shall not apply to females working in rural telephone exchanges or in villages or towns of less than five hundred (500) population. Provided, further, the above law shall not apply in case of an emergency at which time female help may be employed 10 hours in one day and seven days in one week, and not over 48 hours in one week. An emergency is defined to exist in case of sickness of more than one female employee, in which case a doctor's certificate must be furnished, for the protection of human life, banquets, conventions, celebrations, sessions of the state legislature, or where a female is employed as reporter in any of the District Courts of the State of North Dakota. In case an emergency exists the proper authorities that have the enforcement of this law must be notified at once, stating full particulars and probable duration of such emergency and permission must be obtained from such authorities as soon as possible.

Sec. 2.) Any person who violates any provision of this Act shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty-five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.

Sec. 3. REPEAL.) All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved March 1st, 1923.

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## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

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### CHAPTER 347.

(H. B. No. 149—Anderson of Burleigh.)

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#### POWERS OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BUREAU.

An Act To Amend and Re-enact Section 7 of Chapter 162 of the Laws of North Dakota for the year 1919, to Empower the Workmen's Compensation Bureau to Classify Employments, fix rates for Premium, provide for Reserves and Surplus, provide for Establishment of a System of Merit Rating, and to Provide for the Payment of Premiums into the Workmen's Compensation Fund.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. AMENDMENT.) That Section 7 of Chapter 162 of the Laws of North Dakota for 1919 relating to the classification of employments, the fixing of premiums and the maintenance of reserves and surplus in the Workmen's Compensation Fund is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 7. The Workmen's Compensation Bureau shall classify employments with respect to their degree of hazard and shall determine the risks of different classification and shall fix the rates of premium for each of said classifications sufficiently high to provide for the payment of the expenditures of the Bureau, the payment of compensation according to the schedules established by this act for the maintenance of adequate reserves and surplus by the North Dakota Workmen's Compensation Fund to the end that such fund may be kept at all times in an entirely solvent condition.

The Bureau may establish a system of merit rating within any class which will tend to equitable treatment of individual employers.

It shall be the duty of the Workmen's Compensation Bureau in the exercise of the powers and discretion conferred upon it, ultimately to fix and maintain, for each class of occupation, the lowest possible rates of premium consistent with the payment of the expenditures of the Bureau, the maintenance of a solvent