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H. B. NO. 271

A Bill for an Act Relating to Workmen's Compensation and Amending Chapter 97, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 97-9, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955 is amended to

read:

“**Section 97-9. Contracting out forbidden.** Except as provided in section 97-77, no contract, rule, regulation or device whatsoever shall operate to relieve the employer in whole or in part from any liability created by this chapter.”

SECTION 2. Section 97-77, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955 is amended to read:

“**Section 97-77. Compromise.** (a) No compromise in regard to a claim for compensation pending before the director shall be valid.”

“(b) No compromise in regard to a claim for compensation shall be effected and approved in any appeal until after the director has been notified of the proposed terms thereof and has had an opportunity to be heard relative thereto.”

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the adoption of Act 16, Session Laws of Hawaii 1968, this Act shall have full force according to its intent. Upon the taking effect of this Act or the Hawaii Revised Statutes, whichever occurs later, this Act shall be construed to be in amendment of or in addition to the Hawaii Revised Statutes, all references in this Act being construed to refer to the applicable or corresponding provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Revisor of Statutes may reword and renumber the references in this Act and make such other formal or verbal changes as may be necessary to conform with the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 9, 1969.)