

insurer shall pay the dependents of the employee wholly dependent upon his earnings for support at the time of the injury, or at the time of his death, a weekly payment equal to two thirds of his average weekly wages, but not more than twelve dollars nor less than five dollars a week, for a period of five hundred weeks; but in no case shall the amount be more than four thousand dollars. If the employee leaves dependents only partially dependent upon his earnings for support at the time of his injury, or at the time of his death, the insurer shall pay such dependents a weekly compensation equal to the same proportion of the weekly payments for the benefit of persons wholly dependent as the amount contributed by the employee to such partial dependents bears to the annual earnings of the deceased at the time of his injury.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 152, § 32, amended.

SECTION 4 The last paragraph of section 32 of said chapter 152, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "injury", in line 3, the words: — , or at the time of his death,—so as to read as follows: —

Dependents.

In all other cases questions of dependency, in whole or in part, shall be determined in accordance with the fact as the fact may be at the time of the injury, or at the time of his death; and in such other cases, if there is more than one person wholly dependent the death benefit shall be divided equally among them, and persons partly dependent, if any, shall receive no part thereof, and if there is no one wholly dependent and more than one person partly dependent, the death benefit shall be divided among them according to the relative extent of their dependency.

Approved August 8, 1950.

Chap.739 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT VETERANS' AGENTS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO MEMBERSHIP IN A COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, any person who serves two or more cities or towns as a veterans' agent shall be entitled to become a member of the county retirement system of the county in which the largest town which he serves is located.

Approved August 8, 1950.

Chap.740 AN ACT AUTHORIZING PAY-ROLL DEDUCTIONS ON ACCOUNT OF UNION DUES IN THE CASE OF CERTAIN STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 180 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 17 the following section: — *Section 17A.* Deductions on pay-roll schedules may be made from the salary of any state, county or municipal employee of any amount which such employee may specify in

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 180, new § 17A, added.
Union dues may be deducted from