

IC 22-4-33

Chapter 33. Protection of Rights and Benefits

IC 22-4-33-1

Waiver, release, or commutation of rights; payment of employer's contributions

Sec. 1. Except as provided in IC 22-4-39, any agreement by an individual to waive, release or commute the individual's rights to benefits or any other rights under this article is void. Any agreement by any individual in the employ of any person or concern to pay all or any portion of an employer's contributions required under this article from the employer is void. No employer may make or require or accept any deduction from the remuneration of individuals in the employer's employ to finance the employer's contributions required from the employer, or require or accept any waiver by any individual in the employer's employ of any right under this article.

(Formerly: Acts 1947, c.208, s.3401.) As amended by Acts 1978, P.L.2, SEC.2219; Acts 1982, P.L.95, SEC.7; P.L.290-2001, SEC.33; P.L.175-2009, SEC.45.

IC 22-4-33-2

Benefits; fees for claiming benefits; attorney's fees

Sec. 2. (a) Except for fees charged under IC 22-4-17-12, no individual claiming benefits may be charged fees of any kind in a proceeding by the board, the review board, an administrative law judge, or the representative of any of them or by any court or any officer thereof.

(b) An individual claiming benefits in a proceeding before the board, the review board, an administrative law judge, or a court may be represented by counsel or other authorized agent, but no counsel or agent may charge or receive for his service more than an amount approved by the board or review board.

(Formerly: Acts 1947, c.208, s.3402.) As amended by Acts 1978, P.L.2, SEC.2220; P.L.34-1985, SEC.10; P.L.135-1990, SEC.37.

IC 22-4-33-3

Assignment or pledge of rights to benefits; levy; execution; exemptions

Sec. 3. Except as provided in IC 22-4-39, any assignment, pledge or encumbrance of any right to benefits which are or may become due or payable under this article shall be void; and such rights to benefits shall be exempt from levy, execution, attachment, or any other remedy whatsoever provided for the collection of debt until such benefits are actually received by the recipient. Any waiver of any exemption provided for in this section shall be void.

(Formerly: Acts 1947, c.208, s.3403.) As amended by Acts 1982, P.L.95, SEC.8.