

(q) "WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT." An individual's "weekly benefit amount" means the amount of benefits he would be entitled to receive for one week of total unemployment.

(s) "Base period" means the period beginning with the first day of the nine completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an individual's benefit year and ending with the last day of the next to the last completed calendar quarter immediately preceding any week with respect to which benefits are payable; but shall exclude any calendar quarter which occurs prior to January 1, 1937.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety, and, being passed upon a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 18, 1937.

CHAPTER 528.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 5 of Article 1A, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Aeronautics", sub-title "Aircraft", said amendments changing the liability of owners, lessees and aeronauts of aircraft, for injuries to persons or property on the land or water beneath, caused by the ascent, descent or flight of the aircraft or the dropping or falling of any objects therefrom.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 5 of Article 1A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Aeronautics", sub-title "Aircraft", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

5. DAMAGES ON LAND. The owner of every aircraft which is operated over the lands or waters of this State is prima facie liable for injuries to persons or property on the land or water beneath, caused by the ascent, descent or flight of the aircraft, or the dropping or falling of any object therefrom, unless the injury is caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the person injured, or of the owner or bailee of the property injured, or unless at the time of such injury the said aircraft is being used without the consent, express or