

## CHAPTER 451

(Senate Bill 126)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 35 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), as amended by Chapter 461 of the Acts of 1949, title "Workmen's Compensation", sub-title "Claims and Compensation; Benefits", relating to the amount of benefits for injuries.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 35 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), as amended by Chapter 461 of the Acts of 1949, title "Workmen's Compensation", sub-title "Claims and Compensation; Benefits", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

35 Each employer<sup>1</sup> (or in the case of death his family or dependents) entitled to receive compensation under this Article shall receive the same in accordance with the following schedule and except as in this Article otherwise provided, such payment shall be in lieu of any and all rights of action whatsoever against any person whomsoever.

(1) (Permanent Total Disability.) (a) In case of total disability, adjudged to be permanent, sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the average weekly wages shall be paid to the employee by the employer or insurer during the continuance of such total disability, not to exceed a maximum of ~~twenty-eight~~ *thirty-five* THIRTY-TWO dollars per week, and not less than a minimum of ~~twelve~~ *fifteen* dollars per week, unless the employee's established weekly wages are less than ~~twelve~~ *fifteen* dollars per week at the time of the injury, in which event he shall receive compensation in an amount equal to his average weekly wages ~~£~~, but not exceed a total of ~~\$7,500~~ \$10,000. Loss, or loss of use of both hands, or both arms, or both feet or both legs, or both eyes, or of any two thereof, shall, in the absence of conclusive proof to the contrary, constitute permanent total disability. In all other cases perma-

<sup>1</sup> The word "employee" evidently intended.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.