

were less than fifteen dollars per week at the time of injury in which event the compensation shall be an amount equal to the average weekly wages, ~~and to continue for no more than five hundred weeks after the date of death~~ and not to amount to more than a maximum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars nor less than a minimum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars.

(b) If there are no wholly dependent persons at the time of the death, but there are partly dependent persons, those partly dependent shall receive compensation as follows: The weekly payments to such dependents shall be in the amount not exceeding sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the average weekly wages or forty (\$40.00) dollars per week, but may, in the discretion of the Commission, be for less amount per week ~~and to continue for all or such portion of the period of 416 weeks, after the date of death~~, as the Commission in each case may determine, and not to amount to more than a maximum of five thousand dollars.

(c) If there are wholly dependent persons and partly dependent persons, the Commission may, in its discretion, award compensation to the wholly dependent persons only, or it may apportion such compensation among such wholly dependent and partly dependent persons in such proportions as, in the discretion of the Commission, it may consider fair and equitable under all of the facts and circumstances of the case, in no event, however, shall the total of such compensation exceed the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved May 3, 1961.

CHAPTER 700

(House Bill 251)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 2(a) (50) and 265 of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-titles respectively "In General" and "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", to change the definition of "school bus" and relating to the ~~penalty~~ for unlawful operation of school buses.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 2(a) (50) and 265 of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-titles respectively "In General" and "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2(a).

(50) A motor vehicle having a seating capacity of ten (10) or more persons and transporting children, students, or teachers to and from ~~accredited~~ schools or to and from any school activity and not operating under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission and/or not operated by a public service corporation furnishing mass