

them of the application, and in the case of a corporation at least one of the applicants is personally known to them and has been a [resident] taxpayer of the city for a period of at least two years AND A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND FOR TWO YEARS preceding the presentation to them of the application and is a registered voter and taxpayer of the city; and in the case of a partnership that all members of the partnership have been [residents] taxpayers of the city for at least a period of two years AND A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND FOR TWO YEARS preceding the presentation of the application to them.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved April 8, 1965.

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CHAPTER 321

(House Bill 269)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 36 (1) and 36 (2) of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Claims and Compensation; Benefits," amending the laws concerning benefits payable under the workmen's compensation laws in order to increase the possible weekly maximum benefit payments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 36 (1) and 36 (2) of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Claims and Compensation; Benefits," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

36.

(1) (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 [forty-eight] ~~sixty~~ FIFTY-FIVE dollars per week and not less than a minimum of eighteen dollars per week, unless the employee's established weekly wages are less than eighteen 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 both not to exceed a total of \$30,000.00. 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 permanent total disability shall be determined in accordance with the facts.

(b) Whenever any person who has suffered the loss, or loss of use of a hand, arm, foot, leg or eye, shall enter into a contract of employment, it shall be permissible for the employee to waive in