

certain new categories of persons having a serious disability, and relating generally to the Workmen's Compensation benefits of, and the conditions under which payable to, persons having a "serious disability" under the workmen's compensation laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 36(3a) and 36(4a) to Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Claims and Compensation; Benefits," to follow immediately after Sections 36(3) and 36(4) thereof, respectively, and to read as follows:

36.

(3a) *A person who receives under Subsection (3) of this section an award for a period of one hundred and seventy-five weeks or more is thereby considered to have a serious disability. He automatically shall be entitled to (in addition to the award under Subsection (3)) an extra award of a number of weeks equal to one-third (computed to the nearest whole number) of the number of weeks awarded under Subsection (3); and the award of compensation to him in no case shall exceed forty dollars per week; and as to him the maximum limitation of \$12,500 shall not apply. This subsection, to the extent of any inconsistency, prevails over Subsection (3); but otherwise Subsection (3) applies to persons covered by this subsection. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY ON A PETITION TO REOPEN SHALL NOT INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND PAID.*

(4a) *A person who receives under Subsection (4) of this section an award equal in total to forty per centum or more of \$12,500 is thereby considered to have a serious disability. He automatically shall be entitled to (in addition to the award under Subsection (4)) an extra award of a number of weeks equal to one-third (computed to the nearest whole number) of the number of weeks awarded under Subsection (4); and the award of compensation to him in no case shall exceed forty dollars per week; and as to him the maximum limitation of \$12,500 shall not apply. This subsection, to the extent of any inconsistency, prevails over Subsection (4); but otherwise Subsection (4) applies to persons covered by this subsection. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY ON A PETITION TO REOPEN SHALL NOT INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND PAID.*

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE APPLICABLE ONLY TO SUCH INJURIES AS OCCUR AND SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE INITIATED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

SEC. 2 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved April 8, 1965.