

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] *twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500)* nor less than a minimum of [two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars] *three thousand six hundred and fifty dollars (\$3,650)*.

(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-eight dollars] *fifty-five dollars (\$55.00)* 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] *nine thousand dollars (\$9,000)*.

(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] *twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500)*.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved April 14, 1967.

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## CHAPTER 151

(House Bill 469)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 23(c) and (d) and 24(b) of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Application of Article; Extra-Hazardous Employments," to change the conditions of liability of employers for certain occupational diseases of employees and to change the manner of determining benefits payable for silicosis, asbestosis and other pulmonary dust diseases under the workmen's compensation laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 23(c) and (d) and 24(b) of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Application of Article; Extra-Hazardous Employments," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: