

(i) No consideration shall be given to the question of whether or not the ability of an employee to understand speech is improved by the use of a hearing aid.

(j) No employer shall be liable for the payment of scheduled income benefits for occupational deafness unless the employee claiming benefits shall have worked for such employer in employment exposing the employee to harmful ~~noise~~ NOISE for a total period of at least ninety (90) days.

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

Approved April 14, 1967.

CHAPTER 156
(House Bill 474)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 37(d) of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Claims and Compensation; Benefits," to increase the amount of money required to be paid by an employer under the Workmen's Compensation Laws where death results from a compensation injury and to extend the period within which death if it occurs, after such an injury, RESULTING FROM A COMPENSABLE INJURY, will cause the payment of funeral expenses.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 37(d) of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Claims and Compensation; Benefits," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(d) In case death ensues from the injury within [three] five years, reasonable funeral expenses shall be allowed, not to exceed the sum of {five hundred dollars} *one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)*. Any bill for funeral expenses contracted for an amount in excess of {five hundred dollars} *one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)* shall be null and void and uncollectible out of the compensation allowed or out of the personal assets of the person or persons to whom such compensation is payable, unless and until said bill is approved by the Commission; provided, however, that if there are no dependents all expenses of last sickness and burial shall be paid by the employer or insurance company, or out of the State Accident Fund, as the case may be.

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

Approved April 14, 1967.