

“Workmen’s Compensation,” subtitle “Claims and Compensation; Benefits,” to repeal Sections 36(3a) and 36(4a) of said Article, title, and subtitle; and to add new Section 36(4A) to said Article, title and subtitle, to follow immediately after Section 36(4) thereof, to provide for changes in the amount of compensation which can be awarded in cases of permanent partial disabilities for specific injuries and under “Other Cases”; to repeal the sections providing for serious disabilities for specific injuries and under “Other Cases”; to provide for conditions under which awards can be made for serious disabilities under “Other Cases”; and relating generally to claims for benefits under the Workmen’s Compensation Law of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 36(3) (a), 36(3) (b) and 36(4) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title “Workmen’s Compensation,” subtitle “Claims and Compensation; Benefits,” be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that Sections 36(3a) and 36(4a) of said Article, title and subtitle, be and they are hereby repealed, and that new Section 36(4A) be and it is hereby added to said Article, title and subtitle, to follow immediately after Section 36(4) thereof, all to read as follows:

36.

(3)(a) In case of disability partial in character but permanent in quality, the compensation shall be sixty-six and two-third per centum of the average weekly wages, in no case to exceed [twenty-five] *thirty-five* dollars per week and not less than a minimum of [fifteen] *twenty-five* dollars per week unless the employee’s established weekly wages are less than [fifteen] *twenty-five* dollars per week at the time of the injury, in which event he shall receive compensation equal to his full wages [], but in no case to exceed twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) in the aggregate] and shall be paid to the employee for the period named in the schedule as follows:

Thumb—For the loss of a thumb, [fifty] *one hundred* weeks.

First finger—For the loss of a first finger, commonly called the index finger, [thirty] *forty* weeks.

Second finger—For the loss of a second finger, [twenty-five] *thirty-five* weeks.

Third finger—For the loss of a third finger, [twenty] *thirty* weeks.

Fourth finger—For the loss of a fourth finger, commonly called the little finger, [fifteen] *twenty-five* weeks.

(b) Compensation for the loss [], or loss of use,] of more than one phalanx of a digit of a hand or foot shall be the same as the loss [], or loss of use,] of the entire digit. Compensation for the loss [], or loss of use,] of the first phalanx shall be one-half of compensation for the loss of the entire digit. Compensation for the loss or loss of use of two or more digits or one or more phalanxes of two or more digits of a hand or foot may be apportioned to the loss of use of the hand or foot occasioned thereby, but shall not exceed the compensation for the loss of a hand or foot.