

(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 writing, either in the contract of employment, or by a separate written instrument, any right to compensation to which he would be entitled because of the preexisting permanent partial disability, in the event of subsequent accidental injury, and in cases the employee so suffering an additional accidental injury, shall be entitled to the compensation for the disability resulting solely from such additional accidental injury. No such waiver shall be effective unless the preexisting permanent partial disability shall be plainly described therein, nor unless the same be executed by the employee with knowledge of its contents prior to the time of the accident upon which the claim is based.

In the absence of any waiver of preexisting permanent partial disability, the Commission in determining any case involving a subsequent accidental injury shall apportion and make award only for the permanent disability caused by the subsequent accidental injury.

(c) The compensation for the foregoing specific injury shall be paid in addition to, and consecutively with, the compensation hereinafter provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(d) If any employee dies from any cause or causes not compensable under this article, the right to any compensation payable under this subsection to the extent of \$45,000.00, unpaid at the date of his death, shall survive to his surviving dependents as the Commission may determine, if there be such surviving dependents, and if there be none such, then to his or her spouse or her spouse and children under eighteen years of age if there was, at the time of his death, a legal obligation on the part of said employee to support his or her spouse, and if there was no such obligation, then to his children under eighteen, if any, alone. THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 66 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) In case of temporary total disability, sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the average weekly wages shall be paid to the employee during the continuance thereof, not to exceed a maximum of one hundred per centum of the average weekly wage of the State of Maryland as determined by the Department of Employment Security. The Department of Employment Security shall report the average weekly wage of the State of Maryland as of July 1, to the Workmen's