

(1964 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 36(3) (a), 36(4) (a), 36(4a), 36(6) and 49 of Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation

36.

(3) (a) In case of disability partial in character but permanent in quality, the compensation shall be sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the average weekly wages, in no case to exceed [thirty-five dollars per week and not less than a minimum of twenty-five dollars per week unless the employee's established weekly wages are less than twenty-five dollars per week at the time of the injury, in which event he shall receive compensation equal to his full wages] THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD PER CENTUM OF THE STATE 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 COMPENSATION COMMISSION, NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15TH OF EACH YEAR. IN NO CASE SHALL THE EMPLOYEE RECEIVE LESS THAN A MINIMUM OF FIFTY DOLLARS PER WEEK UNLESS THE EMPLOYEE'S ESTABLISHED WEEKLY WAGES ARE LESS THAN FIFTY DOLLARS PER WEEK AT THE TIME OF INJURY, IN WHICH EVENT HE SHALL RECEIVE COMPENSATION EQUAL TO HIS WEEKLY WAGES. [and] SUCH PAYMENTS shall be paid to the employee for the period named in the schedule as follows:

Thumb—For the loss of a thumb, one hundred weeks.

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

Second finger—For the loss of a second finger, thirty-five weeks.

Third finger—For the loss of a third finger, thirty weeks.

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

[[NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED OR APPLIED TO CHANGE THE LAW AS TO ANY SUCH INJURY OR STRAIN