

the Commission shall reduce the weekly rate of compensation until the amount of the lump sum granted would have been paid if that sum had been paid in weekly payments]. SUCH LUMP SUM PAYMENTS MAY ONLY BE MADE BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSES PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 57 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 43 of Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed:

Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation

43.

[If a beneficiary shall reside or remove out of the United States, and shall have been such nonresident for a period of one year, the Commission may, in its discretion, convert any payments thereafter to become due to such beneficiary into a lump sum payment, not in any case to exceed twenty-four hundred dollars, by paying a sum equal to three-fourths of the then value of such payments.]

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 36(11) be and it is hereby added to Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

36.

(11) A PROVISION IN THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO CHANGE THE LAW PERTAINING TO AN INJURY OR DISEASE OCCURRING PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANY PROVISION IN THIS SECTION FOR WHICH A CLAIM UNDER THIS ARTICLE IS MADE. A PROVISION IN THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO CHANGE THE PAYMENT BASIS IN EFFECT AT THE TIME AN INJURY OR DISEASE OCCURS FOR WHICH A CLAIM IS MADE UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION ~~[[3]]~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved May 15, 1975.