

CHAPTER 581

(Senate Bill 925)

AN ACT concerning

Workmen's Compensation - Lump-Sum Benefits

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ allowing certain insurers to convert certain disability benefits into lump-sum benefits; providing exceptions; and generally relating to the conversion of certain disability benefits to lump-sum benefits.

BY adding to

Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation
Section 49A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation

49A.

(A) EXCEPT FOR TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY, IF AN INJURED EMPLOYEE OR HIS DEPENDENTS ARE RECEIVING COMPENSATION, THE INSURER OR SELF-INSURER ~~SHALL MAY, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE COMMISSION, CONVERT THE-BALANCE-OF ANY PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY AWARD THAT DOES--NOT DID NOT ORIGINALLY~~ EXCEED 51 WEEKS OF BENEFITS, LESS ANY ATTORNEY'S FEES, TO A LUMP-SUM, WITHOUT DISCOUNT, PAYABLE TO THE INJURED EMPLOYEE OR HIS DEPENDENTS.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(1) PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 36(1) OF THIS ARTICLE;

(2) SERIOUS DISABILITY BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 36(4A) OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

(3) ANY AWARDS PAYABLE BY THE SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 19, 1981.
