

provided, however, that, UNTIL JUNE 1, 1983, in all appeals in which occupational diseases are involved, the findings of fact by the Commission shall be final and not subject to review or modification by the court or be submitted to a jury--. The proceedings in every such an appeal shall be informal and summary, but full opportunity to be heard shall be had before judgment is pronounced. In the event a claimant needs additional medical attention pending any appeal as provided herein, the Commission shall retain jurisdiction to entertain a request for additional medical treatment and attention and may issue a supplemental order requiring the employer to furnish additional medical treatment and attention, which order is subject to review on the pending appeal. An appeal shall not be a stay of any order of the Commission directing payment of compensation or any order or supplemental order requiring the furnishing of medical treatment. If the decision of the Commission shall be confirmed, reversed, modified, or remanded to the Commission for further proceedings, the practice prevailing in civil cases as to the payment of costs and the fees of medical and other witnesses shall apply. In all such appeals upon suggestion in writing, under oath, of either of the parties to said proceedings that such party cannot have a fair and impartial trial in the court in which the same may be pending, the said court shall order and direct the record of proceedings in such appeal to be transmitted to some other of the circuit courts of the counties, or common-law courts of Baltimore City for trial. Appeal shall lie from the judgment of the circuit court of the county or the common-law courts of Baltimore City to the Court of Special Appeals as in other civil cases subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Special Appeals. All appeals from the Commission shall have precedence over all cases except criminal cases.

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Definitions as used in this article:

(15) "Disablement," as used in §§ 22, 27, 28 and 29 of this article means the event of an employee's becoming actually incapacitated, either partly or totally, because of an occupational disease, from performing his work in the last occupation in which exposed to the hazards of such disease; and "disability" means the state of being so incapacitated. Disablement and disability in cases involving occupational diseases shall be determined by the [medical board] WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION as herein provided in §§-22-30-ef this article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly shall review the effectiveness of the medical board of the Workmen's Compensation Commission by June 1, 1983, for the purpose of determining whether that board should be