

PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH (III) SHALL APPLY ONLY TO AN INJURY OR DISEASE FOR WHICH THE INITIAL CLAIM IS FILED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1988.

(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-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 CASE OF DISABILITY PARTIAL IN CHARACTER BUT PERMANENT IN QUALITY, COMPENSATION SHALL BE PAID TO THE EMPLOYEE AT THE RATES ENUMERATED FOR THE PERIODS AS FOLLOWS:

~~(I) AN AWARD OF COMPENSATION FOR A PERIOD LESS THAN 75 WEEKS SHALL BE PAID AT A RATE OF THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD PER CENTUM OF THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES, IN NO CASE TO EXCEED SIXTEEN AND TWO-THIRDS PER CENTUM OF THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND FOR 1987 AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.~~

(I) 1. AN AWARD OF COMPENSATION FOR A PERIOD LESS THAN 75 WEEKS IN A CLAIM ARISING FROM EVENTS OCCURRING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1988 SHALL BE PAID AT A RATE OF THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD PER CENTUM OF THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES, IN NO CASE TO EXCEED \$80 PER WEEK. AN AWARD OF COMPENSATION FOR A PERIOD LESS THAN 75 WEEKS IN A CLAIM ARISING FROM EVENTS OCCURRING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1989 SHALL BE PAID AT A RATE OF THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD PER CENTUM OF THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES, IN NO CASE TO EXCEED \$85 \$82.50 PER WEEK.

2. IN ALL CASES OF DISABILITY FOR LOSS FOR A PERIOD OF LESS THAN 75 WEEKS FOR AN INJURY ENUMERATED IN PARAGRAPHS ~~(C)~~ AND ~~(D)~~ PARAGRAPH (C) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMPENSATION SHALL BE PAID AT THE RATE SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES, AS DEFINED IN § 67(16) OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL BE PAID BENEFITS, FOR AN AWARD OF COMPENSATION FOR A PERIOD LESS THAN 75 WEEKS, AT THE SAME RATE PROVIDED IN THIS PARAGRAPH FOR AWARDS FOR A PERIOD EQUAL TO 75 WEEKS BUT LESS THAN 250 WEEKS.

(II) AN AWARD OF COMPENSATION FOR A PERIOD GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 75 WEEKS BUT LESS THAN 250 WEEKS SHALL BE PAID AT A RATE OF SIXTY-SIX AND TWO-THIRDS PER CENTUM OF THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES, IN NO CASE TO EXCEED THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD PER CENTUM OF THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.