

(III) AN AWARD OF COMPENSATION, FROM ONE ACCIDENT, FOR A PERIOD EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 250 WEEKS UNDER AS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPHS (C) THROUGH (L), INCLUSIVE, OF THIS SUBSECTION, OR ANY COMBINATION OF AWARDS THEREUNDER, EXCEPT THAT AN AWARD FOR DISFIGUREMENT OR MUTILATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (H) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED A DETERMINATION OF SERIOUS DISABILITY, SHALL BE INCREASED BY ONE-THIRD THE NUMBER OF WEEKS (COMPUTED TO THE NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER) AND THE TOTAL SHALL BE PAID AT A RATE OF SIXTY-SIX AND TWO-THIRDS PER CENTUM OF THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES, IN NO CASE TO EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENTUM OF THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING. THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, TO THE EXTENT OF ANY INCONSISTENCY, PREVAILS OVER PARAGRAPHS (C) THROUGH (L) OF THIS SUBSECTION; BUT OTHERWISE PARAGRAPHS (C) THROUGH (L) OF THIS SUBSECTION APPLY TO PERSONS COVERED BY THIS SUBPARAGRAPH. HOWEVER, ANY ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY ON A PETITION TO REOPEN SHALL NOT INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND ACTUALLY PAID.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SHALL REPORT THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AS OF EACH JULY 1 TO THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION, NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR.

(C) In no case OF PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY 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] THE EMPLOYEE shall receive compensation equal to [his] THE EMPLOYEE'S weekly wages. 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.

GREAT TOE--FOR THE LOSS OF A GREAT TOE, FORTY WEEKS.

[(b)] (D) Compensation for the loss of more than one phalanx of a digit of a hand or foot shall be the same as the loss of the entire digit. Compensation for the loss of the first phalanx shall be one-half of compensation for the loss of the entire digit. Compensation for the loss or loss of use of two or