

compensation payable under this subsection and [subsections (3) and (5)] SUBSECTION (4), unpaid at the date of his death, shall survive to his surviving dependents as the Commission may determine, if there be such surviving dependents, and if there be none such, then to his wife and children under eighteen years of age if there was, at the time of his death, a legal obligation on the part of said employee to support his wife, and if there was no such obligation, then to his children under eighteen if any, alone. This paragraph does not apply to the provisions of § 66 of this article.

[(4a) A person who, from one accident, receives an award of compensation for a period of two hundred and fifty (250) weeks or more under subsection (3) or (4) of this section or a combination both, is thereby considered to have a serious disability; except any award for disfigurement or mutilation under subsection (3)(f) of this section shall not be considered a determination of serious disability. The weeks for such award shall be increased by one third (computed to the nearest whole number); and the compensation shall be for sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the average weekly wages, in no case to exceed sixty-six and two-thirds 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 each year. In no case 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 shall receive compensation equal to his full wages. This subsection, to the extent of any inconsistency, prevails over subsections (3) and (4) of this section; but otherwise subsections (3) and (4) of this section apply to persons covered by this subsection. Provided, however, that any additional compensation for permanent partial disability on a petition to reopen shall not increase the amount of compensation previously awarded and actually paid.]

[(10) (a) Any employee who is permanently and totally disabled as the result of any injury suffered prior to July 1, 1973, and July 1, 1965, and who is receiving benefits as a result of the injury on July 1, 1973, for permanent and total disability shall be entitled to a supplemental allowance of compensation as calculated under paragraph (b) provided that the supplemental allowance received when added to the present compensation received shall not exceed the maximum weekly benefit provided in § 36(2) of this article, subject to change from time to time. The State Accident Fund, insurance carrier or self-insured employer shall pay the supplemental allowance, and shall notify the Commission upon its decision to pay a supplemental allowance under this section. The supplemental allowance shall continue only for the number of weeks that the employee is entitled to receive benefits under his original award.]