

(b) The employees eligible under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be entitled to a weekly supplemental allowance equal to the product of the following two numbers:

(1) The difference between the maximum fixed weekly benefit provided in § 36(2) of this article, as it may change from time to time, and the maximum fixed weekly benefit applicable at the time the award was made; and

(2) The quotient of the actual weekly benefit at the time the award was made and the maximum fixed weekly benefit applicable at the time the award was made.]

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 36(5) through (12), respectively, of Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 36(4) through ~~(11)~~ (10), respectively.

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 39(d) of Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 39(e).~~

SECTION -5- 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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(2) (IV) WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES UNDER THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE COMMISSION, THE EMPLOYER OR INSURER SHALL EITHER COMMENCE PAYMENT OF TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFITS OR SHALL FILE ISSUES CONTESTING THE COMPENSABILITY OF THE CLAIM. SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 40(A) OF THIS ARTICLE, AN EMPLOYER'S OR AN INSURER'S PAYMENT BEFORE AN AWARD MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED A WAIVER OF RIGHTS TO CONTEST THE CLAIM AT--A--LATER--DATE. IF THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT THE EMPLOYER OR INSURER HAS WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE NEITHER COMMENCED PAYMENT OF TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFITS NOR FILED ISSUES CONTESTING THE COMPENSABILITY OF THE CLAIM WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER A CLAIM HAS BEEN FILED, THE COMMISSION MAY ASSESS AGAINST THE EMPLOYER OR INSURER A FINE NOT TO EXCEED 20 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OF THE PAYMENT. IF THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT THE EMPLOYER OR INSURER HAS WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE NEITHER COMMENCED PAYMENT OF TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFITS NOR FILED ISSUES CONTESTING THE COMPENSABILITY OF THE CLAIM WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER A CLAIM HAS BEEN FILED, THE COMMISSION MAY ASSESS AGAINST THE EMPLOYER OR INSURER A FINE NOT TO EXCEED 40 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OF THE PAYMENT. THE COMMISSION SHALL CAUSE THE EMPLOYER OR INSURER TO REMIT THE FINE TO THE EMPLOYEE.