

(f). An applicant may qualify as to any particular kind or kinds of insurance and may request a certificate of qualification to act as an agent or broker or both.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved April 27, 1999:

CHAPTER 136

(Senate Bill 34)

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation - Benefits - Permanent Total Disability - Cost of Living Adjustment - Consumer Price Index

FOR the purpose of providing that certain determinations and reports regarding the Consumer Price Index will be made by the Department of Business and Economic Development rather than the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; altering a certain reference to certain Consumer Price Index information used in calculating a certain cost of living adjustment to certain workers' compensation benefits; and generally relating to workers' compensation benefits for permanent total disability.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment
Section 9-638
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Labor and Employment

9-638.

(a) Compensation paid under this Part V of this subtitle is subject to an annual cost of living adjustment.

(b) On or before June 30 of each year, the [Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation] DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT shall determine and report to the Commission the rate of change in the Consumer Price Index in the preceding calendar year, using as the Consumer Price Index the lower of:

(1) the [average of the] Consumer Price [Indices] INDEX (all urban consumers, all item index) published by the United States Department of Labor for the [Baltimore MSA and the Washington, D.C. MSA] WASHINGTON, D.C.-BALTIMORE CMSA; or

(2) the United States city average consumer price index (all urban consumers, all item index).