

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 743

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation - Partly Dependent Individuals - Death Benefit

FOR the purpose of modifying the calculation of the weekly death benefits payable to a partly dependent individual; ~~modifying the time period for payment of death benefits to a partly dependent individual; removing increasing the maximum limit of certain death benefits;~~ increasing the maximum limit of death benefits payable to a surviving spouse who remarries; and generally relating to workers' compensation.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 9-682(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 9-682(b), (c), and (d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article - Labor and Employment

9-682.

(a) If there are no individuals who were totally dependent on the deceased covered employee at the time of death, but there are individuals who were partly dependent, the employer or its insurer shall pay death benefit in accordance with this section.

(b) (1) The maximum weekly death benefit payable under this section shall equal two-thirds of the average weekly wage of the deceased covered employee, but may not exceed two-thirds of the State average weekly wage.

(2) The weekly death benefit payable under this section shall be the percentage of the maximum weekly death benefit under paragraph (1) of this subsection that: