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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Titus) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to schedule in case of disability

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 6 of section 15 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by section 7-a of part GG of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Compensation for permanent or temporary total disability due to an 4 accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease that 5 6 occurs, (1) on or after January first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight, 7 shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars per week, that occurs (2) on or after July first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight, shall not 8 9 exceed one hundred eighty dollars per week, that occurs (3) on or after January first, nineteen hundred seventy-nine, shall not exceed two 10 11 hundred fifteen dollars per week, that occurs (4) on or after July 12 first, nineteen hundred eighty-three, shall not exceed two hundred 13 fifty-five dollars per week, that occurs (5) on or after July first, 14 nineteen hundred eighty-four, shall not exceed two hundred seventy-five 15 dollars per week, that occurs (6) on or after July first, nineteen 16 hundred eighty-five, shall not exceed three hundred dollars per week, 17 that occurs (7) on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety, shall 18 not exceed three hundred forty dollars per week; and in the case of temporary total disability shall not be less than thirty dollars per 19 week and in the case of permanent total disability shall not be less 20 than twenty dollars per week except that if the employee's wages at the 21 22 time of injury are less than thirty or twenty dollars per week respec-23 tively, he or she shall receive his or her full weekly wages. Compen-24 sation for permanent or temporary partial disability due to an accident 25 or disablement resulting from an occupational disease that occurs (1) on 26 or after January first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight, shall not exceed 27 one hundred five dollars per week, that occurs (2) on or after July 28 first, nineteen hundred eighty-three, shall not exceed one hundred twen-

EXPLANATION--Matter in <u>italics</u> (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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ty-five dollars per week, that occurs (3) on or after July first, nine-1 2 teen hundred eighty-four, shall not exceed one hundred thirty-five 3 dollars per week, that occurs (4) on or after July first, nineteen 4 hundred eighty-five, shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars per 5 week, that occurs (5) on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety, б shall not exceed two hundred eighty dollars per week; nor be less than 7 twenty dollars per week; except that if the employee's wages at the time 8 of injury are less than twenty dollars per week, he or she shall receive 9 his or her full weekly wages. In no event shall compensation when 10 combined with decreased earnings or earning capacity exceed the amount 11 of wages which the employee was receiving at the time the injury occurred. Compensation for permanent or temporary partial disability, or 12 13 for permanent or temporary total disability due to an accident or disa-14 blement resulting from an occupational disease that occurs (1) on or 15 after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-one and prior to July first, 16 nineteen hundred ninety-two, shall not exceed three hundred fifty dollars per week; (2) on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-17 18 two, shall not exceed four hundred dollars per week; nor be less than 19 forty dollars per week except that if the employee's wages at the time 20 of injury are less than forty dollars per week, the employee shall 21 receive his or her full wages. Compensation for permanent or temporary partial disability, or for permanent or temporary total disability due 22 to an accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease 23 that occurs (1) on or after July first, two thousand seven shall not 24 25 exceed five hundred dollars per week, (2) on or after July first, two 26 thousand eight shall not exceed five hundred fifty dollars per week, (3) 27 on or after July first, two thousand nine shall not exceed six hundred dollars per week, and (4) on or after July first, two thousand ten, and 28 29 on or after July first of each succeeding year, shall not exceed two-30 thirds of the New York state average weekly wage for the year in which 31 it is reported. Compensation for permanent or temporary partial disabil-32 ity, or for permanent or temporary total disability due to an accident 33 or disablement resulting from an occupational disease that occurs on or 34 after July first, two thousand seven shall not be less than one hundred 35 dollars per week except that if the employee's wages at the time of 36 injury are less than one hundred dollars per week, the employee shall 37 receive his or her full wages. Compensation for permanent or temporary 38 partial disability, or for permanent or temporary total disability due 39 to an accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease that occurs on or after May first, two thousand thirteen shall not be 40 41 less than one hundred fifty dollars per week except that if the employ-42 ee's wages at the time of injury are less than one hundred fifty dollars 43 per week, the employee shall receive his or her full wages. Compensation 44 for permanent or temporary partial disability, or for permanent or 45 temporary total disability due to an accident or disablement resulting 46 from an occupational disease that occurs on or after the effective date 47 of the chapter of the laws of two thousand eighteen that amended this paragraph shall not be less than one-fifth of the New York state average 48 weekly wage except that if the employee's weekly wages are equal to or 49 less than one-fifth of the New York state average weekly wage, the 50 51 employee shall receive his or her full wages. In no event shall compen-52 sation when combined with decreased earnings or earning capacity exceed 53 the amount of wages the employee was receiving at the time the injury 54 occurred. Compensation for permanent or temporary partial disability, or

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1 as a result of World Trade Center rescue activity by an employee of a 2 private voluntary hospital, who passed a physical examination upon 3 employment as a rescue worker that failed to reveal evidence of a condi-4 tion that was the proximate cause of disablement or occupational disease 5 or injury, shall not exceed three-quarters of a claimant's wage on 6 September eleventh, two thousand one. In no event shall compensation 7 when combined with decreased earnings or earning capacity exceed the 8 amount of wages the employee was receiving on September eleventh, two 9 thousand one.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.