

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

February 8, 2022

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 6 of section 15 of the work-  
2 ers' compensation law, as amended by section 7-a of part GG of chapter  
3 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:  
4 (a) Compensation for permanent or temporary total disability due to an  
5 accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease that  
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  
8 (2) on or after July first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight, shall not  
9 exceed one hundred eighty dollars per week, that occurs (3) on or after  
10 January first, nineteen hundred seventy-nine, shall not exceed two  
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  
19 temporary total disability shall not be less than thirty dollars per  
20 week and in the case of permanent total disability shall not be less  
21 than twenty dollars per week except that if the employee's wages at the  
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 italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 ty-five dollars per week, that occurs (3) on or after July first, nine-  
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,  
6 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  
12 occurred. Compensation for permanent or temporary partial disability, or  
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  
17 dollars per week; (2) on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-  
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  
22 partial disability, or for permanent or temporary total disability due  
23 to an accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease  
24 that occurs (1) on or after July first, two thousand seven shall not  
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  
28 dollars per week, and (4) on or after July first, two thousand ten, and  
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 disabili-  
32 ty, 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  
40 that occurs on or after May first, two thousand thirteen shall not be  
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 twenty-one that amended this  
48 paragraph shall not be less than one-fifth of the New York state average  
49 weekly wage except that if the employee's weekly wages are equal to or  
50 less than one-fifth of the New York state average weekly wage, the  
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  
55 for permanent or temporary total disability due to an accident or disa-  
56 blement resulting from an occupational disease or injury that occurred

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.