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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. JOYNER, ALVAREZ, DICKENS, SEAWRIGHT, FORREST -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

(a) Compensation for permanent or temporary total disability due to an accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease that 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 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 hundred eighty-five, shall not exceed three hundred dollars per week, 16 that occurs (7) on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety, shall 17 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 20 week and in the case of permanent total disability shall not be less than twenty dollars per week except that if the employee's wages at the 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-

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sation for permanent or temporary partial disability due to an accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease that occurs (1) on or after January first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight, shall not exceed one hundred five dollars per week, that occurs (2) on or after July 5 first, nineteen hundred eighty-three, shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars per week, that occurs (3) on or after July first, nine-7 teen hundred eighty-four, shall not exceed one hundred thirty-five dollars per week, that occurs (4) on or after July first, nineteen 9 hundred eighty-five, shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars per 10 week, that occurs (5) on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety, 11 shall not exceed two hundred eighty dollars per week; nor be less than 12 twenty dollars per week; except that if the employee's wages at the time of injury are less than twenty dollars per week, he or she shall receive 13 14 his or her full weekly wages. In no event shall compensation when 15 combined with decreased earnings or earning capacity exceed the amount 16 of wages which the employee was receiving at the time the injury 17 occurred. Compensation for permanent or temporary partial disability, or for permanent or temporary total disability due to an accident or disa-18 19 blement resulting from an occupational disease that occurs (1) on or 20 after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-one and prior to July first, 21 nineteen hundred ninety-two, shall not exceed three hundred fifty dollars per week; (2) on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninetytwo, shall not exceed four hundred dollars per week; nor be less than 23 forty dollars per week except that if the employee's wages at the time 24 25 of injury are less than forty dollars per week, the employee shall 26 receive his or her full wages. Compensation for permanent or temporary 27 partial disability, or for permanent or temporary total disability due 28 an accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease 29 that occurs (1) on or after July first, two thousand seven shall not 30 exceed five hundred dollars per week, (2) on or after July first, two 31 thousand eight shall not exceed five hundred fifty dollars per week, (3) 32 on or after July first, two thousand nine shall not exceed six hundred 33 dollars per week, and (4) on or after July first, two thousand ten, and 34 on or after July first of each succeeding year, shall not exceed two-35 thirds of the New York state average weekly wage for the year in which 36 it is reported. Compensation for permanent or temporary partial disabil-37 ity, or for permanent or temporary total disability due to an accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease that occurs on or 39 after July first, two thousand seven shall not be less than one hundred dollars per week except that if the employee's wages at the time of 40 injury are less than one hundred dollars per week, the employee shall 41 42 receive his or her full wages. Compensation for permanent or temporary 43 partial disability, or for permanent or temporary total disability due an accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease 45 that occurs on or after May first, two thousand thirteen shall not be 46 less than one hundred fifty dollars per week except that if the employ-47 ee's wages at the time of injury are less than one hundred fifty dollars 48 per week, the employee shall receive his or her full wages. sation for permanent or temporary partial disability, or for permanent or temporary total disability due to an accident or disablement result-50 ing from an occupational disease that occurs on or after January first, 51 52 two thousand twenty-four and before January first, two thousand twenty-53 five shall not be less than two hundred seventy-five dollars per week except that if the employee's wages at the time of injury are less than two hundred seventy-five dollars per week, the employee shall receive 55 his or her full wages. Compensation for permanent or temporary partial A. 2034--A

disability, or for permanent or temporary total disability due to an accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease that occurs on or after January first, two thousand twenty-five and before 3 4 July first, two thousand twenty-six shall not be less than three hundred 5 twenty-five dollars per week except that if the employee's wages at the time of injury are less than three hundred twenty-five dollars per week, 7 the employee shall receive his or her full wages. Compensation for permanent or temporary partial disability, or for permanent or temporary 8 total disability due to an accident or disablement resulting from an 9 10 occupational disease that occurs on or after July first, two thousand twenty-six and on or after July first of each succeeding year shall not 11 12 be less than one-fifth of the New York state average weekly wage for the year in which it is reported except that if the employee's weekly wages 13 14 are equal to or less than one-fifth of the New York state average weekly 15 wage for the year in which it is reported, the employee shall receive 16 his or her full wages. In no event shall compensation when combined with 17 decreased earnings or earning capacity exceed the amount of wages the 18 employee was receiving at the time the injury occurred. Compensation for 19 permanent or temporary partial disability, or for permanent or temporary 20 total disability due to an accident or disablement resulting from an 21 occupational disease or injury that occurred as a result of World Trade 22 Center rescue activity by an employee of a private voluntary hospital, 23 who passed a physical examination upon employment as a rescue worker 24 that failed to reveal evidence of a condition that was the proximate 25 cause of disablement or occupational disease or injury, shall not exceed 26 three-quarters of a claimant's wage on September eleventh, two thousand 27 one. In no event shall compensation when combined with decreased earn-28 ings or earning capacity exceed the amount of wages the employee was receiving on September eleventh, two thousand one. 29

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30 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.