

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by Sens. SANDERS, MAY, RYAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

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 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 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 January first, nineteen hundred seventy-nine, shall not exceed two hundred fifteen dollars per week, that occurs (4) on or after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-three, shall not exceed two hundred fifty-five dollars per week, that occurs (5) on or after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-four, shall not exceed two hundred seventy-five dollars per week, that occurs (6) on or after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-five, shall not exceed three hundred dollars per week, that occurs (7) on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety, shall not exceed three hundred forty dollars per week; and in the case of temporary total disability shall not be less than thirty dollars per 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-

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

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tively, he or she shall receive his or her full weekly wages. Compensation 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 first, nineteen hundred eighty-three, shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars per week, that occurs (3) on or after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-four, shall not exceed one hundred thirty-five dollars per week, that occurs (4) on or after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-five, shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars per week, that occurs (5) on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety, shall not exceed two hundred eighty dollars per week; nor be less than 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 his or her full weekly wages. In no event shall compensation when combined with decreased earnings or earning capacity exceed the amount of wages which the employee was receiving at the time the injury occurred. Compensation for permanent or temporary partial disability, or for permanent or temporary total disability due to an accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease that occurs (1) on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-one and prior to July first, nineteen hundred ninety-two, shall not exceed three hundred fifty dollars per week; (2) on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-two, shall not exceed four hundred dollars per week; nor be less than forty dollars per week except that if the employee's wages at the time of injury are less than forty dollars per week, the employee shall receive his or her full wages. Compensation for permanent or temporary partial disability, or for permanent or temporary total disability due to an accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease that occurs (1) on or after July first, two thousand seven shall not exceed five hundred dollars per week, (2) on or after July first, two thousand eight shall not exceed five hundred fifty dollars per week, (3) 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 on or after July first of each succeeding year, shall not exceed two-thirds of the New York state average weekly wage for the year in which it is reported. Compensation for permanent or temporary partial disability, or for permanent or temporary total disability due to an accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease that occurs on or 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 injury are less than one hundred dollars per week, the employee shall receive his or her full wages. Compensation for permanent or temporary partial disability, or for permanent or temporary total disability due to an accident or disablement resulting from an occupational disease that occurs on or after May first, two thousand thirteen shall not be less than one hundred fifty dollars per week except that if the employee's wages at the time of injury are less than one hundred fifty dollars per week, the employee shall receive his or her full wages. Compensation for permanent or temporary partial 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-four and before January first, two thousand twenty-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

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

31 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.