

ment), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Claims and Compensation; Benefits," and to enact a new Section 36(2) in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section so repealed, to change the maximum compensation which may be paid to a claimant in cases of temporary total disability.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 36(2) of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Claims and Compensation; Benefits," be and it is hereby repealed, and that new Section 36(2) be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section so repealed, to read as follows:

36.

(2) *Temporary Total Disability. In case of temporary total disability, sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the average weekly wages shall be paid to the employee during the continuance thereof, but not to exceed a maximum of fifty-five dollars per week for the first forty-two days of actual temporary total disability. For any period of actual temporary total disability in excess of forty-two days duration IN THE AGGREGATE, he shall receive two-thirds of his average weekly wage, not to exceed a maximum of sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the average weekly wage of the State of Maryland as determined by the Department of Employment Security. The Department of Employment Security shall report the average weekly wage of the State of Maryland as of July 1, to the Workmen's Compensation Commission no later than December 15 of each year. The average weekly wage used for 1968 shall be that average weekly wage established by the Department of Employment Security as of July 1, 1967. In no case shall the employee receive less than a minimum of twenty-five dollars per week at the time of the injury, in which event he shall receive compensation equal to his weekly wages BUT IN NO CASE TO CONTINUE MORE THAN FOUR YEARS IN THE AGGREGATE. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed or applied to affect or change the law as to any such injury or strain which occurred prior to the effective date of this subsection. This section shall only apply to injuries occurring on or after July 1, 1968.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 744
(House Bill 979)

AN ACT to add new Section 36(9) to Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Claims and Compensation; Benefits," to follow immediately after Section