

and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

37.

(d) In case death ensues from the injury within five years, reasonable funeral expenses shall be allowed, not to exceed the sum of **[five hundred dollars]** ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00). Any bill for funeral expenses contracted for an amount in excess of **[five hundred dollars]** ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS, (\$750.00) shall be null and void and uncollectible out of the compensation allowed or out of the personal assets of the person or persons to whom such compensation is payable, unless and until said bill is approved by the Commission; provided, however, that if there are no dependents all expenses of last sickness and burial shall be paid by the employer or insurance company, or out of the State Accident Fund, as the case may be.

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

Approved April 10, 1968.

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CHAPTER 431

(House Bill 982)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 36(8) (a) and (b) of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Claims and Compensation; Benefits," to provide for a change in the amount of benefits payable, both maximum and minimum, to the dependents of employees dying from compensable injuries.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 36(8)(a) and (b) 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1967 Supplement), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Claims and Compensation; Benefits," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

36.

(8) (a) In case the injury causes death within the period of five years the benefits shall be in the amounts and to the persons following: If there are wholly dependent persons at the time of death, the payment shall be sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the average weekly wages, not to exceed, however, a maximum of **[fifty-five dollars (\$55.00)]** ~~seventy dollars (\$70.00)~~ per week, and not less than a minimum of **[eighteen]** ~~twenty-five~~ dollars per week unless the deceased employee's established weekly wages were less than **[eighteen]** ~~twenty-five~~ dollars per week at the time of the injury in which event the compensation shall be an amount equal to