

permanent disability caused by the subsequent accidental injury.

(c) The compensation for the foregoing specific injury shall be paid in addition to, and consecutively with, the compensation hereinafter provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(d) If any employee dies from any cause or causes not compensable under this article, the right to any compensation payable under this subsection to the extent of \$45,000.00, unpaid at the date of his death, shall survive to his surviving dependents as the Commission may determine, if there be such surviving dependents, and if there be none such, then to his or her spouse or her spouse and children under eighteen years of age if there was, at the time of his death, a legal obligation on the part of said employee to support his or her spouse, and if there was no such obligation, then to his children under eighteen, if any, alone.

(2) 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, not to exceed a maximum of [sixty-six and two-thirds] [[ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD]] ONE HUNDRED 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 unless the employee's established weekly wages are less than twenty-five dollars per week at the time of the injury, in which event he shall receive compensation equal to his weekly wages. 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, 1972.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall not apply to accidental injuries sustained or occupational diseases incurred prior to July 1, [[1974]] 1975.