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AN ACT to amend the volunteer firefighters' benefit law and the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law, in relation to increasing the amount of certain benefits

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 8 of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, as  
2 amended by chapter 401 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4 § 8. Permanent total disability benefits. In the case of total disa-  
5 bility adjudged to be permanent the volunteer firefighter shall be paid  
6 [~~six~~] twelve hundred dollars for each week during the continuance there-  
7 of. Permanent total disability, within the meaning of this section,  
8 shall exist only if the earning capacity of the volunteer firefighter  
9 has been lost permanently and totally as the result of the injury. The  
10 loss of both hands, or both arms, or both feet, or both legs, or both  
11 eyes, or any two thereof, shall, in the absence of conclusive proof to  
12 the contrary, constitute permanent total disability, but in all other  
13 cases permanent total disability shall be determined in accordance with  
14 the facts. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, an  
15 injured volunteer firefighter disabled due to the loss or total loss of  
16 use of both eyes, or both hands, or both arms, or both feet, or both  
17 legs, or any two thereof shall not suffer any diminution of such weekly  
18 benefit by engaging in business or employment provided [~~his or her~~] such  
19 volunteer firefighter's weekly earnings or wages, when combined with  
20 [~~his or her~~] such volunteer firefighter's weekly benefit shall not be in  
21 excess of [~~eight~~] sixteen hundred dollars; and further provided that the  
22 application of this section shall not result in reduction of benefits

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

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1 which an injured volunteer firefighter who is disabled due to the loss  
2 or total loss of use of both eyes, or both hands, or both arms, or both  
3 feet, or both legs, or any two thereof would otherwise be entitled to  
4 under any other provisions of this article.

5 § 2. Section 9 of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, as amended  
6 by chapter 523 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

7 § 9. Temporary total disability benefits. In the case of temporary  
8 total disability the volunteer firefighter shall be paid one hundred  
9 twenty-five dollars for each week during the continuance thereof;

10 provided, however, that when the volunteer firefighter is injured in the  
11 line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight to  
12 December thirty-first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight, said firefighter  
13 shall receive one hundred eighty dollars per week during the continuance  
14 thereof; and further provided, that when the volunteer firefighter is

15 injured in the line of duty on or after January first, nineteen hundred  
16 seventy-nine to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-three, said  
17 firefighter shall receive two hundred fifteen dollars per week during  
18 the continuance thereof; and further provided, that when the volunteer

19 firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nine-  
20 teen hundred eighty-three to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-  
21 four, said firefighter shall receive two hundred fifty-five dollars per  
22 week during the continuance thereof; and further provided, that when the

23 volunteer firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or after July  
24 first, nineteen hundred eighty-four to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred  
25 eighty-five, said firefighter shall receive two hundred seventy-five  
26 dollars per week during the continuance thereof; and further provided,

27 that when the volunteer firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or  
28 after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-five to June thirtieth, nine-  
29 teen hundred ninety, said firefighter shall receive three hundred  
30 dollars per week during the continuance thereof; and further provided,

31 that when the volunteer firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or  
32 after July first, nineteen hundred ninety to June thirtieth, nineteen  
33 hundred ninety-one, said firefighter shall receive three hundred forty  
34 dollars per week during the continuance thereof; and further provided,

35 that when a volunteer firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or  
36 after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-one to June thirtieth, nine-  
37 teen hundred ninety-two, said firefighter shall receive three hundred  
38 fifty dollars per week during the continuance thereof; and further

39 provided, that when a volunteer firefighter is injured in the line of  
40 duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-two to June thirti-  
41 eth, two thousand twenty-one, said firefighter shall receive four  
42 hundred dollars per week during the continuance thereof; and further

43 provided, that when a volunteer firefighter is injured in the line of  
44 duty on or after July first, two thousand twenty-one to June thirtieth,  
45 two thousand twenty-five, said firefighter shall receive six hundred  
46 fifty dollars per week during the continuance thereof; and further

47 provided, that when a volunteer firefighter is injured in the line of  
48 duty on or after July first, two thousand twenty-five, such firefighter  
49 shall receive eight hundred dollars per week during the continuance

50 thereof. Temporary total disability, within the meaning of this  
51 section, shall exist only if the earning capacity of the volunteer fire-  
52 fighter has been lost temporarily and totally as the result of the inju-  
53 ry. In case of temporary total disability and permanent partial disabil-  
54 ity both resulting from the same injury, if the temporary total  
55 disability continues for a longer period than the number of weeks set  
56 forth in the following schedule, the period of temporary total disabili-

1 ty in excess of such number of weeks shall be added to the period  
2 provided in section ten of this article: arm, thirty-two weeks; leg,  
3 forty weeks; hand, thirty-two weeks; foot, thirty-two weeks; ear, twen-  
4 ty-five weeks; eye, twenty weeks; thumb, twenty-four weeks; first  
5 finger, eighteen weeks; great toe, twelve weeks; second finger, twelve  
6 weeks; third finger, eight weeks; fourth finger, eight weeks; toe other  
7 than great toe, eight weeks. In any case resulting in loss or partial  
8 loss of use of arm, leg, hand, foot, ear, eye, thumb, finger or toe,  
9 where the temporary total disability does not extend beyond the periods  
10 above mentioned for such injury, benefits shall be limited to the sched-  
11 ule contained in section ten of this article.

12 § 3. Section 10 of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, subdivi-  
13 sion 1 as amended by chapter 175 of the laws of 1962, the opening para-  
14 graph of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 21 of the laws of 1991,  
15 paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 604 of the laws of  
16 1989, subdivision (e) of subdivision 1 and subparagraphs 1 and 2 of  
17 paragraph (g) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 924 of the laws of  
18 1990, paragraph (g) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 584 of the  
19 laws of 1974, the opening paragraph and subparagraph 4 of paragraph (g)  
20 of subdivision 1 and subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 476 of the laws  
21 of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

22 § 10. Permanent partial disability benefits. 1. In the case of disa-  
23 bility partial in character, but permanent in quality, the volunteer  
24 firefighter shall be paid ninety-five dollars for each week for the  
25 period specified in this subdivision, provided, however, that when the  
26 volunteer firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or after January  
27 first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight to June thirtieth, nineteen  
28 hundred eighty-three, such payment shall be one hundred five dollars for  
29 each week, and further provided that when a volunteer firefighter is  
30 injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred  
31 eighty-three to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-  
32 four, such payments shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars for each  
33 week and provided further that when the volunteer firefighter is injured  
34 in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-four  
35 to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-five such  
36 payments shall be one hundred thirty-five dollars for each week and  
37 provided further that when the volunteer firefighter is injured in the  
38 line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-five to and  
39 including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety such payments shall be  
40 one hundred fifty dollars for each week, and provided further that when  
41 the volunteer firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or after  
42 July first, nineteen hundred ninety to and including June thirtieth,  
43 nineteen hundred ninety-one such payments shall be two hundred eighty  
44 dollars for each week, and provided further that when the volunteer  
45 firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nine-  
46 teen hundred ninety-one to and including June thirtieth, nineteen  
47 hundred ninety-two such payments shall be three hundred fifty dollars  
48 for each week, and provided further that when the volunteer firefighter  
49 is injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred  
50 ninety-two such payments shall be four hundred dollars for each week,  
51 provided, however, that when the volunteer firefighter is injured in the  
52 line of duty on or after March first, two thousand twenty-five such  
53 payment shall be eight hundred dollars for each week as follows:

54 (a) Loss of member.

1	Member lost .....	Number of weeks
2	Arm .....	312
3	Leg .....	288
4	Hand .....	244
5	Foot .....	205
6	Eye .....	160
7	Thumb .....	75
8	First finger .....	46
9	Great toe .....	38
10	Second finger .....	30
11	Third finger .....	25
12	Toe other than great toe .....	16
13	Fourth finger .....	15

14 If more than one phalange of a digit shall be lost, the period shall be  
 15 the same as for the loss of the entire digit. If only the first phalange  
 16 shall be lost, the period shall be one-half the period for loss of the  
 17 entire digit. The period for loss or loss of use of two or more digits,  
 18 or one or more phalanges of two or more digits, of a hand or foot, may  
 19 be proportioned to the period for the loss of use of the hand or foot  
 20 occasioned thereby, but shall not exceed the period for the loss of a  
 21 hand or foot. If an arm or leg shall be amputated at or above the wrist  
 22 or ankle, the period for such loss shall be in proportion to the period  
 23 for the loss of the arm or leg. In the case of loss of binocular vision  
 24 or of eighty per centum or more of the vision of an eye, the period  
 25 shall be the same as for the loss of the eye.

26 (b) Loss of hearing. In the case of the complete loss of the hearing  
 27 of one ear, sixty weeks; for the loss of hearing of both ears, one  
 28 hundred fifty weeks.

29 (c) Total loss of use. In the case of permanent total loss of use of a  
 30 member, the period shall be the same as for the loss of the member.

31 (d) Partial loss or partial loss of use. Except as above provided in  
 32 this subdivision, in the case of permanent partial loss or loss of use  
 33 of a member, the period shall be for the proportionate loss or loss of  
 34 use of the member. Compensation for permanent partial loss of use of an  
 35 eye shall be awarded on the basis of uncorrected loss of vision or  
 36 corrected loss of vision resulting from an injury whichever is the  
 37 greater.

38 (e) Disfigurement. In the case of serious facial or head disfigure-  
 39 ment, including a disfigurement continuous in length which is partly in  
 40 the facial area and also extends into the neck region as described in  
 41 this paragraph, the volunteer firefighter shall be paid in a lump sum a  
 42 proper and equitable amount, which shall be determined by the workers'  
 43 compensation board. If the earning capacity of the volunteer firefighter  
 44 shall have been impaired, or may in the future be impaired, by any seri-  
 45 ous disfigurement in the region above the sterno clavicular artic-  
 46 ulations anterior to and including the region of the sterno cleido  
 47 mastoid muscles on either side, the volunteer firefighter shall be paid  
 48 in a lump sum a proper and equitable amount which shall be determined by  
 49 such board. Two or more serious disfigurements, not continuous in  
 50 length, resulting from the same injury, if partially in the facial area  
 51 and partially in such neck region, shall be deemed to be a facial  
 52 disfigurement. An award, or the aggregate of the awards, to a volunteer  
 53 firefighter under this paragraph shall not exceed [~~twenty~~] forty thou-  
 54 sand dollars.

1 (f) Total or partial loss or loss of use of more than one member. In  
2 any case in which there shall be a loss or loss of use of more than one  
3 member or parts of more than one member set forth above in paragraphs a  
4 to e, both inclusive, of this subdivision, but not amounting to perma-  
5 nent total disability, the periods for loss or loss of use of each such  
6 member or part thereof shall run consecutively.

7 (g) Other cases. In all other cases of permanent partial disability  
8 the volunteer firefighter shall be paid for each week during the contin-  
9 uance thereof, as follows:

10 1. If the percentage of loss of earning capacity is seventy-five per  
11 centum, or greater, [~~he or she~~] such volunteer firefighter shall be paid  
12 ninety-five dollars for each week, provided, however, that when the  
13 volunteer firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or after January  
14 first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight to and including June thirtieth,  
15 nineteen hundred eighty-three, such payment shall be one hundred five  
16 dollars for each week provided, however, that when the volunteer fire-  
17 fighter is injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen  
18 hundred eighty-three to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred  
19 eighty-four, such payment shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars for  
20 each week provided, however, that when the volunteer firefighter is  
21 injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred  
22 eighty-four to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-  
23 five such payment shall be one hundred thirty-five dollars for each  
24 week, provided, however, that when the volunteer firefighter is injured  
25 in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-five  
26 to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety such payment  
27 shall be one hundred fifty dollars for each week, provided, however,  
28 that when the volunteer firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or  
29 after July first, nineteen hundred ninety to and including June thirti-  
30 eth, nineteen hundred ninety-one such payment shall be two hundred  
31 eighty dollars for each week, and provided further that when the volun-  
32 teer firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or after July first,  
33 nineteen hundred ninety-one to and including June thirtieth, nineteen  
34 hundred ninety-two such payment shall be three hundred fifty dollars for  
35 each week, and provided further that when the volunteer firefighter is  
36 injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred  
37 ninety-two such payment shall be four hundred dollars for each week;  
38 provided, however, that when the volunteer firefighter is injured in the  
39 line of duty on or after March first, two thousand twenty-five such  
40 payment shall be eight hundred dollars for each week;

41 2. If the percentage of loss of earning capacity is fifty per centum,  
42 or greater, but less than seventy-five per centum, [~~he or she~~] such  
43 volunteer firefighter shall be paid sixty-three dollars and thirty-three  
44 cents for each week, provided, however, that when the volunteer fire-  
45 fighter is injured in the line of duty on or after January first, nine-  
46 teen hundred seventy-eight to and including June thirtieth, nineteen  
47 hundred eighty-three, such payment shall be seventy dollars for each  
48 week, provided, however, that when the volunteer firefighter is injured  
49 in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-  
50 three to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-four such  
51 payment shall be eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents for each  
52 week, provided, however, that when the volunteer firefighter is injured  
53 in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-  
54 four, to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-five,  
55 such payment shall be ninety dollars for each week, provided, however,  
56 that when the volunteer firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or

1 after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-five to and including June  
2 thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety such payment shall be one hundred  
3 dollars for each week, provided, however, that when the volunteer fire-  
4 fighter is injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen  
5 hundred ninety to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred nine-  
6 ty-one such payment shall be one hundred eighty-six dollars and seven-  
7 ty-six cents for each week, provided, however, that when the volunteer  
8 firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nine-  
9 teen hundred ninety-one to and including June thirtieth, nineteen  
10 hundred ninety-two such payment shall be two hundred thirty-four dollars  
11 and fifty cents for each week, provided, however, that when the volun-  
12 teer firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or after July first,  
13 nineteen hundred ninety-two such payment shall be two hundred sixty-  
14 eight dollars for each week, provided, however, that when the volunteer  
15 firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or after March first, two  
16 thousand twenty-five, such payment shall be five hundred thirty-six  
17 dollars for each week;

18 3. If the percentage of loss of earning capacity is twenty-five per  
19 centum, or greater, but less than fifty per centum, [~~he~~] such volunteer  
20 firefighter shall be paid [~~thirty~~] sixty dollars for each week;

21 4. If the percentage of loss of earning capacity is less than twenty-  
22 five per centum, [~~he or she~~] such volunteer firefighter shall not be  
23 paid any weekly benefit. Permanent partial disability, within the mean-  
24 ing of this paragraph, shall exist only if the earning capacity of the  
25 volunteer firefighter has been permanently and partially lost as the  
26 result of the injury. The workers' compensation board shall determine  
27 the degree of such disability and such board may reconsider such degree  
28 on its own motion or upon application of any party in interest.

29 2. An award made to a claimant under this section shall in case of  
30 death arising from causes other than the injury be payable to and for  
31 the benefit of the persons following:

32 (a) If there be a surviving spouse and no child of the deceased under  
33 the age of eighteen years, to such spouse.

34 (b) If there be a surviving spouse and surviving child or children of  
35 the deceased under the age of eighteen years, one-half shall be payable  
36 to the surviving spouse and the other half to the surviving child or  
37 children.

38 (c) If there be a surviving child or children of the deceased under  
39 the age of eighteen years, but no surviving spouse, then to such child  
40 or children.

41 (d) If there be no surviving spouse and no surviving child or children  
42 of the deceased under the age of eighteen years, then to such dependent  
43 or dependents as defined in section seven of this chapter, as directed  
44 by the [~~workmen's~~] workers' compensation board; and if there shall be no  
45 such dependents, then to the estate of such deceased in an amount not  
46 exceeding reasonable funeral expenses as provided in subdivision one of  
47 section seven of this chapter, or, if there be no estate, to the person  
48 or persons paying the funeral expenses of such deceased in an amount not  
49 exceeding reasonable funeral expenses as provided in such subdivision  
50 one.

51 3. An award for disability may be made after the death of the volun-  
52 teer firefighter.

53 § 4. Subdivision 1 of section 11 of the volunteer firefighters' bene-  
54 fit law, as amended by chapter 924 of the laws of 1990, is amended to  
55 read as follows:

1 1. If the percentage of loss of earning capacity is seventy-five per  
2 centum, or greater, [~~he or she~~] such volunteer firefighter shall be paid  
3 ninety-five dollars for each week, provided, however, that when the  
4 volunteer firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or after January  
5 first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight to and including June thirtieth,  
6 nineteen hundred eighty-three, such payment shall be one hundred five  
7 dollars for each week, provided, however, that when the volunteer fire-  
8 fighter is injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen  
9 hundred eighty-three to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred  
10 eighty-four, such payment shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars for  
11 each week, provided, however, that when the volunteer firefighter is  
12 injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred  
13 eighty-four to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred eighty-  
14 five, such payment shall be one hundred thirty-five dollars for each  
15 week, provided, however, that when the volunteer firefighter is injured  
16 in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-five  
17 to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety such payment  
18 shall be one hundred fifty dollars for each week, provided, however,  
19 that when the volunteer firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or  
20 after July first, nineteen hundred ninety to and including June thirti-  
21 eth, nineteen hundred ninety-one such payment shall be two hundred  
22 eighty dollars for each week, provided, however, that when the volunteer  
23 firefighter is injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nine-  
24 teen hundred ninety-one to and including June thirtieth, nineteen  
25 hundred ninety-two such payment shall be three hundred fifty dollars for  
26 each week, provided, however, that when the volunteer firefighter is  
27 injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred  
28 ninety-two such payment shall be four hundred dollars for each week;  
29 provided, however, that when the volunteer firefighter is injured in the  
30 line of duty on or after March first, two thousand twenty-five such  
31 payment shall be eight hundred dollars for each week;

32 § 5. Section 8 of the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law, as  
33 amended by chapter 401 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as  
34 follows:

35 § 8. Permanent total disability benefits. In the case of total disa-  
36 bility adjudged to be permanent the volunteer ambulance worker shall be  
37 paid [~~six~~] twelve hundred dollars for each week during the continuance  
38 thereof. Permanent total disability, within the meaning of this section,  
39 shall exist only if the earning capacity of the volunteer ambulance  
40 worker has been lost permanently and totally as the result of the inju-  
41 ry. The loss of both hands, or both arms, or both feet, or both legs, or  
42 both eyes, or any two thereof, shall, in the absence of conclusive proof  
43 to the contrary, constitute permanent total disability, but in all other  
44 cases permanent total disability shall be determined in accordance with  
45 the facts. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, an  
46 injured volunteer ambulance worker disabled due to the loss or total  
47 loss of use of both eyes, or both hands, or both arms, or both feet, or  
48 both legs, or any two thereof shall not suffer any diminution of such  
49 weekly benefit by engaging in business or employment provided [~~his or~~  
50 ~~her~~] such volunteer ambulance worker's weekly earnings or wages, when  
51 combined with [~~his~~] such volunteer ambulance worker's weekly benefit  
52 shall not be in excess of [~~eight~~] sixteen hundred dollars; and further  
53 provided that the application of this section shall not result in  
54 reduction of benefits which an injured volunteer ambulance worker who is  
55 disabled due to the loss or total loss of use of both eyes, or both  
56 hands, or both arms, or both feet, or both legs, or any two thereof

1 would otherwise be entitled to under any other provisions of this arti-  
2 cle.

3 § 6. Section 9 of the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law, as  
4 amended by chapter 523 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 § 9. Temporary total disability benefits. In the case of temporary  
7 total disability the volunteer ambulance worker shall be paid three  
8 hundred dollars for each week during the continuance thereof; provided,  
9 however, that when the volunteer ambulance worker is injured in the line  
10 of duty on or after the effective date of this chapter to June thirti-  
11 eth, nineteen hundred ninety; further provided, that when the volunteer  
12 ambulance worker is injured in the line of duty on or after July first,  
13 nineteen hundred ninety to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-one,  
14 said ambulance worker shall receive three hundred forty dollars per week  
15 during the continuance thereof, and further provided, that when a volun-  
16 teer ambulance worker is injured in the line of duty on or after July  
17 first, nineteen hundred ninety-one to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred  
18 ninety-two, said ambulance worker shall receive three hundred fifty  
19 dollars per week during the continuance thereof; provided further that  
20 when a volunteer ambulance worker is injured in the line of duty on or  
21 after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-two to June thirtieth, two  
22 thousand twenty-one, such ambulance worker shall be paid four hundred  
23 dollars for each week during the continuance thereof; provided further  
24 that when a volunteer ambulance worker is injured in the line of duty on  
25 or after July first, two thousand twenty-one to June thirtieth, two  
26 thousand twenty-five such ambulance worker shall be paid six hundred  
27 fifty dollars for each week during the continuance thereof; provided  
28 further that when a volunteer ambulance worker is injured in the line of  
29 duty on or after July first, two thousand twenty-five such ambulance  
30 worker shall be paid eight hundred dollars for each week during the  
31 continuance thereof. Temporary total disability, within the meaning of  
32 this section, shall exist only if the earning capacity of the volunteer  
33 ambulance worker has been lost temporarily and totally as the result of  
34 the injury. In case of temporary total disability and permanent partial  
35 disability both resulting from the same injury, if the temporary total  
36 disability continues for a longer period than the number of weeks set  
37 forth in the following schedule, the period of temporary total disabili-  
38 ty in excess of such number of weeks shall be added to the period  
39 provided in section ten of this chapter: arm, thirty-two weeks; leg,  
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41 ty-five weeks; eye, twenty weeks; thumb, twenty-four weeks; first  
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44 than great toe, eight weeks. In any case resulting in loss or partial  
45 loss of use of arm, leg, hand, foot, ear, eye, thumb, finger or toe,  
46 where the temporary total disability does not extend beyond the periods  
47 above mentioned for such injury, benefits shall be limited to the sched-  
48 ule contained in section ten of this chapter.

49 § 7. Subdivision 1 of section 10 of the volunteer ambulance workers'  
50 benefit law, as amended by chapter 604 of the laws of 1989, the opening  
51 paragraph as amended by chapter 21 of the laws of 1991, paragraph e and  
52 subparagraphs 1 and 2 of paragraph g as amended by chapter 924 of the  
53 laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

54 1. In the case of disability partial in character, but permanent in  
55 quality, the volunteer ambulance worker, injured in the line of duty  
56 shall be paid one hundred fifty dollars for each week for the period

1 specified in this subdivision, provided, however, that when the volun-  
 2 teer ambulance worker is injured in the line of duty on or after the  
 3 effective date of this chapter to and including June thirtieth, nineteen  
 4 hundred ninety, and provided further that when the volunteer ambulance  
 5 worker is injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen  
 6 hundred ninety to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred nine-  
 7 ty-one such payments shall be two hundred eighty dollars for each week,  
 8 and provided further that when the volunteer ambulance worker is injured  
 9 in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-one  
 10 to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-two such  
 11 payments shall be three hundred fifty dollars for each week; and  
 12 provided further that when the volunteer ambulance worker is injured in  
 13 the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-two  
 14 such payments shall be four hundred dollars for each week; provided  
 15 further that when a volunteer ambulance worker is injured in the line of  
 16 duty on or after March first, two thousand twenty-five such ambulance  
 17 worker shall be paid eight hundred dollars for each week as follows:

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32 If more than one phalange of a digit shall be lost, the period shall be  
 33 the same as for the loss of the entire digit. If only the first phalange  
 34 shall be lost, the period shall be one-half the period for loss of the  
 35 entire digit. The period for loss or loss of use of two or more digits,  
 36 or one or more phalanges of two or more digits, of a hand or foot, may  
 37 be proportioned to the period for the loss of use of the hand or foot  
 38 occasioned thereby, but shall not exceed the period for the loss of a  
 39 hand or foot. If an arm or leg shall be amputated at or above the wrist  
 40 or ankle, the period for such loss shall be in proportion to the period  
 41 for the loss of the arm or leg. In the case of loss of binocular vision  
 42 or of eighty per centum or more of the vision of an eye, the period  
 43 shall be the same as for the loss of the eye.

44 b. Loss of hearing. In the case of the complete loss of the hearing of  
 45 one ear, sixty weeks; for the loss of hearing of both ears, one hundred  
 46 fifty weeks.

47 c. Total loss of use. In the case of permanent total loss of use of a  
 48 member, the compensation shall be the same as for the loss of the  
 49 member.

50 d. Partial loss or partial loss of use. Except as above provided in  
 51 this subdivision, in the case of permanent partial loss or loss of use  
 52 of a member, the period shall be for the proportionate loss or loss of  
 53 use of the member. Compensation for permanent partial loss of use of an  
 54 eye shall be awarded on the basis of uncorrected loss of vision or  
 55 corrected loss of vision resulting from an injury which ever is greater.

1 e. Disfigurement. In the case of serious facial or head disfigurement,  
2 including a disfigurement continuous in length which is partly in the  
3 facial area and also extends into the neck region as described in this  
4 paragraph, the volunteer ambulance worker shall be paid in a lump sum a  
5 proper and equitable amount, which shall be determined by the workers'  
6 compensation board. If the earning capacity of the volunteer ambulance  
7 worker shall have been impaired, or may in the future be impaired, by  
8 any serious disfigurement in the region above the sterno clavicular  
9 articulations anterior to and including the region of the sterno cleido  
10 mastoid muscles on either side, the volunteer ambulance worker shall be  
11 paid in a lump sum a proper and equitable amount which shall be deter-  
12 mined by such board. Two or more serious disfigurements, not continuous  
13 in length, resulting from the same injury, if partially in the facial  
14 area and partially in such neck region, shall be deemed to be a facial  
15 disfigurement. An award, or the aggregate of the awards, to a volunteer  
16 ambulance worker under this paragraph shall not exceed [~~twenty~~] forty  
17 thousand dollars.

18 f. Total or partial loss or loss of use of more than one member. In  
19 any case in which there shall be a loss or loss of use of more than one  
20 member or parts of more than one member set forth above in paragraphs a  
21 to e, both inclusive, of this subdivision, but not amounting to perma-  
22 nent total disability, the periods for loss or loss of use of each such  
23 member or part thereof shall run consecutively.

24 g. Other cases. In all other cases of permanent partial disability the  
25 volunteer ambulance worker shall be paid for each week, during the  
26 continuance thereof, as follows:

27 (1) If the percentage of loss of earning capacity is seventy-five per  
28 centum, or greater, [~~he or she~~] such volunteer ambulance worker shall be  
29 paid one hundred fifty dollars for each week, provided, however, that  
30 the volunteer ambulance worker is injured in the line of duty on or  
31 after the effective date of this chapter to and including June thirti-  
32 eth, nineteen hundred ninety, provided, however, that when the volunteer  
33 ambulance worker is injured in the line of duty on or after July first,  
34 nineteen hundred ninety to and including June thirtieth, nineteen  
35 hundred ninety-one such payment shall be two hundred eighty dollars for  
36 each week, and provided further that when the volunteer ambulance worker  
37 is injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred  
38 ninety-one to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-two  
39 such payment shall be three hundred fifty dollars for each week; and  
40 provided further that when the volunteer ambulance worker is injured in  
41 the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-two  
42 such payments shall be four hundred dollars for each week; provided  
43 further that when a volunteer ambulance worker is injured in the line of  
44 duty on or after March first, two thousand twenty-five such ambulance  
45 worker shall be paid eight hundred dollars for each week during the  
46 continuance thereof.

47 (2) If the percentage of loss of earning capacity is fifty per centum,  
48 or greater, but less than seventy-five per centum, [~~he or she~~] such  
49 volunteer ambulance worker shall be paid one hundred dollars for each  
50 week, provided, however, that the volunteer ambulance worker is injured  
51 in the line of duty on or after the effective date of this chapter to  
52 and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety, provided, howev-  
53 er, that when the volunteer ambulance worker is injured in the line of  
54 duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety to and including  
55 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-one, such payment shall be one  
56 hundred eighty-six dollars and seventy-six cents for each week,

1 provided, however, that when the volunteer ambulance worker is injured  
2 in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-one  
3 to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-two, such  
4 payment shall be two hundred thirty-four dollars and fifty cents for  
5 each week; provided, however, that when the volunteer ambulance worker  
6 is injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred  
7 ninety-two, such payment shall be two hundred sixty-eight dollars for  
8 each week, provided, however, that when the volunteer ambulance worker  
9 is injured in the line of duty on or after March first, two thousand  
10 twenty-five, such payment shall be five hundred thirty-six dollars for  
11 each week.

12 (3) If the percentage of loss of earning capacity is twenty-five  
13 percentum, or greater, but less than fifty per centum, [~~he or she~~] such  
14 volunteer ambulance worker shall be paid [~~thirty~~] sixty dollars for each  
15 week.

16 (4) If the percentage of loss of earning capacity is less than twen-  
17 ty-five per centum, [~~he or she~~] such volunteer ambulance worker shall  
18 not be paid any weekly benefit.

19 Permanent partial disability, within the meaning of this paragraph,  
20 shall exist only if the earning capacity of the volunteer ambulance  
21 worker has been permanently and partially lost as the result of the  
22 injury. The workers' compensation board shall determine the degree of  
23 such disability and such board may reconsider such degree on its own  
24 motion or upon application of any party in interest.

25 § 8. Section 11 of the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law, as  
26 amended by chapter 604 of the laws of 1989, subdivisions 1 and 2 as  
27 amended by chapter 924 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as  
28 follows:

29 § 11. Temporary partial disability benefits. In the case of temporary  
30 partial disability the volunteer ambulance worker shall be paid for each  
31 week during the continuance thereof, as follows:

32 1. If the percentage of loss of earning capacity is seventy-five per  
33 centum, or greater, [~~he or she~~] such volunteer ambulance worker shall be  
34 paid one hundred fifty dollars for each week, provided, however, that  
35 the volunteer ambulance worker is injured in the line of duty on or  
36 after the effective date of this chapter to and including June thirti-  
37 eth, nineteen hundred ninety, provided, however, that when the volunteer  
38 ambulance worker is injured in the line of duty on or after July first,  
39 nineteen hundred ninety to and including June thirtieth, nineteen  
40 hundred ninety-one, such payment shall be two hundred eighty dollars for  
41 each week, provided, however, that when the volunteer ambulance worker  
42 is injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred  
43 ninety-one to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-two,  
44 such payment shall be three hundred fifty dollars for each week; and  
45 provided further that when the volunteer ambulance worker is injured in  
46 the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-two  
47 such payments shall be four hundred dollars for each week; provided  
48 further that when a volunteer ambulance worker is injured in the line of  
49 duty on or after March first, two thousand twenty-five such ambulance  
50 worker shall be paid eight hundred dollars for each week.

51 2. If the percentage of loss of earning capacity is fifty per centum,  
52 or greater, but less than seventy-five per centum, [~~he or she~~] such  
53 volunteer ambulance worker shall be paid one hundred dollars for each  
54 week, provided, however, that the volunteer ambulance worker is injured  
55 in the line of duty on or after the effective date of this chapter to  
56 and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety, provided, howev-

1 er, that when the volunteer ambulance worker is injured in the line of  
2 duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety to and including  
3 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-one, such payment shall be one  
4 hundred eighty-six dollars and seventy-six cents for each week,  
5 provided, however, that when the volunteer ambulance worker is injured  
6 in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-one  
7 to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-two, such  
8 payment shall be two hundred thirty-four dollars and fifty cents for  
9 each week; provided, however, that when the volunteer ambulance worker  
10 is injured in the line of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred  
11 ninety-two, such payment shall be two hundred sixty-eight dollars for  
12 each week, provided, however, that when the volunteer ambulance worker  
13 is injured in the line of duty on or after March first, two thousand  
14 twenty-five, such payment shall be five hundred thirty-six dollars for  
15 each week.

16 3. If the percentage of loss of earning capacity is twenty-five per  
17 centum, or greater, but less than fifty per centum, [~~he or she~~] such  
18 volunteer ambulance worker shall be paid [~~thirty~~] sixty dollars for each  
19 week.

20 4. If the percentage of loss of earning capacity is less than twenty-  
21 five per centum, [~~he or she~~] such volunteer ambulance worker shall not  
22 be paid any weekly benefit.

23 Temporary partial disability, within the meaning of this section,  
24 shall exist only if the earning capacity of the volunteer ambulance  
25 worker has been temporarily and partially lost as the result of the  
26 injury. The workers' compensation board shall determine the degree of  
27 such disability and such board may reconsider such degree on its own  
28 motion or upon application of any party in interest.

29 § 9. This act shall take effect immediately.