

SENATE BILL No. 997

December 12, 2007, Introduced by Senator CLARKE and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies.

A bill to amend 1969 PA 317, entitled
"Worker's disability compensation act of 1969,"
by amending section 361 (MCL 418.361), as amended by 1985 PA 103.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 361. (1) While the incapacity for work resulting from a
2 personal injury is partial, the employer shall pay ~~—~~or cause to be
3 paid to the injured employee weekly compensation equal to 80% of
4 the difference between the injured employee's after-tax average
5 weekly wage before the personal injury and the after-tax average
6 weekly wage ~~which~~ **THAT** the injured employee is able to earn after
7 the personal injury, but not more than the maximum weekly rate of
8 compensation, as determined under section 355. Compensation shall
9 be paid for the duration of the disability. However, an employer

1 shall not be liable for compensation under section 351, 371(1), or
2 this subsection for such periods of time that the employee is
3 unable to obtain or perform work because of imprisonment or
4 commission of a crime. **AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, "COMMISSION OF A
5 CRIME" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ALIEN'S WORKING WITHOUT EMPLOYMENT
6 AUTHORIZATION OR AN ALIEN'S USE OF FALSE DOCUMENTS TO OBTAIN
7 EMPLOYMENT OR TO SEEK WORK.**

8 (2) In cases included in the following schedule, the
9 disability in each case shall be considered to continue for the
10 period specified, and the compensation paid for the personal injury
11 shall be 80% of the after-tax average weekly wage subject to the
12 maximum and minimum rates of compensation under this act for the
13 loss of the following:

14 (a) Thumb, 65 weeks.

15 (b) First finger, 38 weeks.

16 (c) Second finger, 33 weeks.

17 (d) Third finger, 22 weeks.

18 (e) Fourth finger, 16 weeks.

19 The loss of the first phalange of the thumb, or of any finger,
20 shall be considered to be equal to the loss of 1/2 of that thumb or
21 finger, and compensation shall be 1/2 of the amount above
22 specified.

23 The loss of more than 1 phalange shall be considered as the
24 loss of the entire finger or thumb. The amount received for more
25 than 1 finger shall not exceed the amount provided in this schedule
26 for the loss of a hand.

27 (f) Great toe, 33 weeks.

1 (g) A toe other than the great toe, 11 weeks.

2 The loss of the first phalange of any toe shall be considered
3 to be equal to the loss of 1/2 of that toe, and compensation shall
4 be 1/2 of the amount above specified.

5 The loss of more than 1 phalange shall be considered as the
6 loss of the entire toe.

7 (h) Hand, 215 weeks.

8 (i) Arm, 269 weeks.

9 An amputation between the elbow and wrist that is 6 or more
10 inches below the elbow shall be considered a hand, and an
11 amputation above that point shall be considered an arm.

12 (j) Foot, 162 weeks.

13 (k) Leg, 215 weeks.

14 An amputation between the knee and foot 7 or more inches below
15 the tibial table (plateau) shall be considered a foot, and an
16 amputation above that point shall be considered a leg.

17 (l) Eye, 162 weeks.

18 Eighty percent loss of vision of 1 eye shall constitute the
19 total loss of that eye.

20 (3) Total and permanent disability, compensation for which is
21 provided in section 351 means:

22 (a) Total and permanent loss of sight of both eyes.

23 (b) Loss of both legs or both feet at or above the ankle.

24 (c) Loss of both arms or both hands at or above the wrist.

25 (d) Loss of any 2 of the members or faculties in subdivisions
26 (a), (b), or (c).

27 (e) Permanent and complete paralysis of both legs or both arms

1 or of 1 leg and 1 arm.

2 (f) Incurable insanity or imbecility.

3 (g) Permanent and total loss of industrial use of both legs or
4 both hands or both arms or 1 leg and 1 arm; for the purpose of this
5 subdivision such permanency shall be determined not less than 30
6 days before the expiration of 500 weeks from the date of injury.

7 (4) The amounts specified in this ~~clause~~ **SUBSECTION** are all
8 subject to the same limitations as to maximum and minimum as ~~above~~
9 stated **IN SUBSECTIONS (1) TO (3)**. ~~In case of~~ **FOR** the loss of 1
10 member while compensation is being paid for the loss of another
11 member, compensation shall be paid for the loss of the second
12 member for the period provided in this section. Payments for the
13 loss of a second member shall begin at the conclusion of the
14 payments for the first member.