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AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE; AMENDING THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT
AND THE NEW MEXICO OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE DISABLEMENT LAW TO
CHANGE TEMPORARY DISABILITY BENEFITS; PROVIDING FOR LIFETIME
MAXIMUM PERIOD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 52-1-41 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1959,
Chapter 67, Section 20, as amended) is amended to read:

"52-1-41. COMPENSATION BENEFITS--TOTAL DISABILITY.--

A. For total disability, the worker shall receive,
during the period of that disability, sixty-six and
two-thirds percent of the worker's average weekly wage, and
not to exceed a maximum compensation of eighty-five percent
of the average weekly wage in the state, a week, effective
July 1, 1987 through December 31, 1999, and thereafter not to
exceed a maximum compensation of one hundred percent of the
average weekly wage in the state, a week; and to be not less
than a minimum compensation of thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) a
week.

B. For permanent total disability as set forth in
Section 52-1-25 NMSA 1978, the worker shall receive
compensation benefits for the remainder of the worker's life.
For temporary disability as set forth in Section 52-1-25.1
NMSA 1978, the maximum period of compensation is subject to
the maximum duration and limitation on compensation benefits
set forth in Section 52-1-47 NMSA 1978.