

CHAPTER 351

AN ACT to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to the payment of compensation

Became a law August 26, 2009, with the approval of the Governor.

Passed by a majority vote, three-fifths being present.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 25 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by chapter 635 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The first payment of compensation shall become due on the fourteenth day of disability on which date or within four days thereafter all compensation then due shall be paid, and the compensation payable bi-weekly thereafter; but the board may determine that any payments may be made monthly or at any other period, as it may deem advisable. **An award of compensation payable for permanent partial disability under paragraphs a through t, inclusive, of subdivision three of section fifteen of this article, shall be payable in one lump sum, without commutation to present value upon the request of the injured employee.**

§ 2. Paragraph u of subdivision 3 of section 15 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chapter 301 of the laws of 1929, is amended to read as follows:

u. Total or partial loss or loss of use of more than one member or parts of members. In any case in which there shall be a loss or loss of use of more than one member or parts of more than one member set forth in paragraphs a ~~[to]~~ **through** t, ~~[both]~~ inclusive, of this subdivision, but not amounting to permanent total disability, the board shall award compensation for the loss or loss of use of each such member or part thereof, which awards ~~[shall run consecutively]~~ **shall be fully payable in one lump sum upon the request of the injured employee.**

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

The Legislature of the STATE OF NEW YORK **ss:**

Pursuant to the authority vested in us by section 70-b of the Public Officers Law, we hereby jointly certify that this slip copy of this session law was printed under our direction and, in accordance with such section, is entitled to be read into evidence.

MALCOLM A. SMITH
Temporary President of the Senate

SHELDON SILVER
Speaker of the Assembly

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