

In subsection (d) of this section, the words "surviving spouse" are substituted for the former word "wife", in light of Art. 1, § 7 of the Code, which provides that, absent a provision that specifically provides otherwise, a reference to 1 gender includes the other gender.

In subsections (d)(2) and (e) of this section, the word "minor" is substituted for the former phrases "under eighteen years of age" and "under eighteen", respectively, for brevity. See Art. 1, § 24 of the Code.

Defined terms: "Commission" § 9-101

"Compensation" § 9-101 "Covered employee" § 9-101

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PART VII. OCCUPATIONAL DEAFNESS.

9-649. SCOPE OF PART.

A COVERED EMPLOYEE WHO SUFFERS FROM OCCUPATIONAL DEAFNESS SHALL BE PAID COMPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART VII OF THIS SUBTITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 101, § 25A(a).

Defined terms: "Compensation" § 9-101

"Covered employee" § 9-101

9-650. CALCULATION OF PERCENTAGE OF HEARING LOSS.

(A) MEASUREMENT INSTRUMENTS.

HEARING LOSS SHALL BE MEASURED BY PURE TONE AIR CONDUCTION AUDIOMETRIC INSTRUMENTS APPROVED BY NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AUTHORITIES IN THE FIELD OF HEARING LOSS.

(B) CALCULATION — AVERAGE OF THRESHOLDS OF HEARING.

(1) THE PERCENTAGE OF HEARING LOSS FOR PURPOSES OF COMPENSATION FOR OCCUPATIONAL DEAFNESS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY CALCULATING THE AVERAGE, IN DECIBELS, OF THE THRESHOLDS OF HEARING FOR THE FREQUENCIES OF 500, 1,000, AND 2,000 CYCLES PER SECOND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) THE AVERAGE OF THE THRESHOLDS IN HEARING SHALL BE CALCULATED BY:

(I) ADDING TOGETHER THE LOWEST MEASURED LOSSES IN EACH OF THE 3 FREQUENCIES; AND