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## **ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)**

Section 9-638 of the Labor and Employment Article provides for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) for compensation paid under Subtitle V to covered employees with a permanent total disability. The COLA provision became effective January 1, 1988 and is only payable for an accidental injury or occupational disease sustained on or after January 1, 1988.

Please note that Maryland Senate Bill 94—State Government-Consumer Price Index—Revised Statutory References, enacted in 2019, replaced obsolete references to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Washington-Baltimore Metropolitan Area with references to CPI for the Washington Metropolitan Area.

YEAR	% CHANGE	YEAR	% CHANGE
1988	1.9	2011	-0.4
1989	3.3	2012	1.6
1990	4.1	2013	3.2
1991	4.8	2014	2.1
1992	5.0	2015	1.5
1993	4.2	2016	1.5
1994	2.6	2017	0.33
1995	2.7	2018	1.18
1996	2.3	2019	1.29
1997	2.3	2020	2.0
1998	2.5	2021	1.3
1999	1.8	2022	0.9
2000	1.3	2023	3.96
2001	2.1	2024	5.0
2002	3.3	2025	3.11
2003	2.6	2026	2.95
2004	1.6		
2005	2.3		
2006	2.7		
2007	3.4		
2008	3.2		
2009	2.8		
2010	3.8		