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JUNE 16, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, JUNE 16, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 21, 1939 (P.L.566, No.284), entitled  
2 "An act defining the liability of an employer to pay damages  
3 for occupational disease contracted by an employe arising out  
4 of and in the course of employment; establishing an elective  
5 schedule of compensation; providing procedure for the  
6 determination of liability and compensation thereunder;  
7 imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry, the  
8 Workmen's Compensation Board, Workmen's Compensation  
9 Referees, and deans of medical schools; creating a medical  
10 board to determine controverted medical issues; establishing  
11 an Occupational Disease Fund in custody of the State  
12 Workmen's Insurance Board; imposing upon the Commonwealth a  
13 part of the compensation payable for certain occupational  
14 diseases; making an appropriation; and prescribing  
15 penalties," providing for additional disability compensation.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. Section 301 of the act of June 21, 1939 (P.L.566,  
19 No.284), known as The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act, is  
20 amended by adding a subsection to read:

21 Section 301. \* \* \*

1     (m) Every person heretofore or hereafter qualified for  
2     additional compensation under the provisions of clause 2 of  
3     subsection (a) or subsection (i) shall, beginning with the month  
4     following the effective date of this amending act, or the month  
5     of qualification, whichever occurs later, be paid further  
6     compensation of fifty dollars (\$50) per month during the period  
7     of disability. Such further compensation paid to a person  
8     heretofore or hereafter qualified shall be paid by the  
9     Commonwealth.

10     Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.