AN ACT

Amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), entitled "An act defining the liability of an employer to pay damages for injuries received by an employe in the course of employment; establishing an elective schedule of compensation; providing procedure for the determination of liability and compensation thereunder; and prescribing penalties," in interpretation and definitions, further providing for the definition of occupational disease.

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

Section 1. Section 108 of the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 108. The term "occupational disease," as used in this act, shall mean only the following diseases.

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(s) The novel coronavirus, as identified in the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency, in the occupations of employe
of a health care provider who are responsible for providing in-
person care to patients involving exposure to such disease or
employees of the provider who may have had exposure to the
disease. A positive test for infection with the novel
coronavirus in an individual in such occupations shall establish
a presumption that the disease is an occupational disease within
the meaning of this act, but this presumption may not be
conclusive and may be rebutted.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.