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FEBRUARY 5, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, FEBRUARY 5, 2001

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 further benefits; and making an
16 appropriation.

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

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

1 Section 301. * * *

2 (m) Every person heretofore or hereafter qualified for
3 additional compensation under the provisions of clause (2) of
4 subsection (a) or subsection (i) shall, beginning with the month
5 following the effective date of this subsection, or the month of
6 qualification, whichever occurs later, be paid further
7 compensation of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) per month
8 during the period of disability. Such further compensation paid
9 to a person heretofore or hereafter qualified shall be paid by
10 the Commonwealth.

11 Section 2. The sum of \$5,000,000, or as much thereof as may
12 be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Labor
13 and Industry, to carry out the provisions of this act.

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.