## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 733

Session of 2005

INTRODUCED BY GORDNER, TARTAGLIONE, LEMMOND, MUSTO, WONDERLING, LAVALLE, PIPPY, COSTA, TOMLINSON, RAFFERTY, LOGAN, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, FERLO AND KASUNIC, JUNE 9, 2005

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 23, 2006

## AN ACT

Amending the act of June 21, 1939 (P.L.566, No.284), entitled "An act defining the liability of an employer to pay damages for occupational disease contracted by an employe arising out of and in the course of employment; establishing an elective schedule of compensation; providing procedure for the 5 determination of liability and compensation thereunder; 7 imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry, the Workmen's Compensation Board, Workmen's Compensation 8 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. 16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 17 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. \* \* \* (m) Every person heretofore or hereafter qualified for 22 additional compensation under the provisions of clause (2) of 23

- subsection (a) or subsection (i) shall, beginning with the month 1
- 2 <u>following the effective date of this subsection, or the month of</u>
- 3 <u>qualification</u>, <u>whichever occurs later</u>, <u>be paid further</u>
- 4 compensation of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per month during the
- 5 period of disability. Such further compensation paid to a person
- heretofore or hereafter qualified shall be paid by the 6
- 7 Commonwealth.
- Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006 2007. 8