

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2275 Session of 2008

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

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.

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:

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 fifty dollars (\$50) per month during the period
8 of disability. Such further compensation paid to a person
9 heretofore or hereafter qualified shall be paid by the
10 Commonwealth.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, ~~2008~~ 2009, or ←
12 immediately, whichever is later.