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Federal - New Bills

House

H.J.Res. 232 Designating the 7-day period beginning October 21, 1951 as Cleaner Air Week. By Mr. Nease. To Committee on the Judiciary.

State

Status Changed

CONNECTICUT

H.118 Water Pollution. Reported unfavorably on April 20 and killed in Senate April 24.

ILLINOIS

H.577 Water Pollution. Hearing date in House May 1.

S.260 Air Pollution. Reported favorably in Senate April 18. Re-committed to Appropriations in Senate April 19.

S.302 Water Pollution. Hearing date in Senate April 24. Reported with amendment in Senate April 25.

S.304 Water Pollution. Hearing in Senate April 24. Reported with amendment in Senate April 25.

S.305 Water Pollution. Hearing in Senate April 24.

S.306 Water Pollution. Hearing in Senate April 24. Reported favorably in Senate April 24.

MASSACHUSETTS

H.934 Sewage Disposal. Reported favorably in House April 23; to third reading in House April 24; passed House April 25.

H.2143 Water Supplies. To 3rd reading in House April 18; reported favorably and passed April 23.

NEW JERSEY

SCR 9 Air Pollution. Passed Senate April 23. Referred to Calendar in House April 25.

OREGON

S.332 Air Pollution. Reported favorably in House April 21. Passed House April 23. Passed Senate April 16.

PENNSYLVANIA

S.516 Clean Streams. Reported favorably in Senate April 17. Second reading in Senate April 18.

SOUTH CAROLINA

S.126 Streams Pollution. 2nd reading in Senate April 11.



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- TEXAS** S.370 Water Pollution. Amended in Senate April 24; passed Senate April 24. Referred to Public Health in House April 25.
- WISCONSIN** S.268 Stream Pollution. Indefinitely postponed in Senate April 19. Killed in Senate April 24.
- S.472 Smoke Regulation. Reported with amendment in Senate April 19. Passed by Senate April 24; referred to Municipalities in House April 25.

New Bills**DELAWARE**

- S.63 Abolishes the Labor Commission and establishes a Department of Labor and Industrial Relations under the direction of a Commissioner appointed by the Governor for a 5-year term. Transfers to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations all the powers, duties, records, and personnel of the Labor Commission and the records, property, and personnel of the Board of Boiler Rules, the Industrial Accident Board, and the Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Requires every employer to furnish safe employment, furnish safety devices, and use methods reasonably adequate to make the employment and place of employment safe. Defines the term "safety" to include sanitation and hygiene. Provides that employers and owners of places of employment must construct, repair, and maintain such places so as to make them safe.

Provides that the Industrial Accident Board, in addition to other powers and duties conferred upon it, shall have the power to make rules for prevention of accidents and occupational diseases, and also such rules for the construction, repair, and maintenance of places of employment as will make them safe. Specifies that such rules must be approved and enforced by the Commissioner, and shall have the force of law. By Klair. Reported favorably in Senate 2/15/51.

- FLORIDA** H.66 Water Pollution. Making it unlawful to permit or allow escape of waste, wash, or debris from any mine or mines operated into any rivers or streams. To Phosphates & Minerals April 9; reported favorably April 17.
- ILLINOIS** H.795 Water Pollution. (Same as S.292) Establishes a Sanitary Water Board to control and prevent pollution of streams, lakes and other surface and underground waters. To Waterways, Cons. April 24.
- H.796 Water Pollution. (Same as S.293) Designates the Sanitary Water Board to act as the state water pollution agency for purposes of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. To Waterways, Cons. April 24.

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- H.805** Water Pollution. (Same as S.302) Provides for investigation of mining and land erosion as it may affect water pollution of the Illinois River and tributaries. To Waterways, Cons. April 24.
- H.808** Water Pollution. (Same as S.305) Provides for investigation of the water pollution of the Illinois River and its tributaries and making an appropriation therefor. To Waterways, Cons. April 24.
- H.809** Water Pollution. (Same as S.306) Creates a commission to study the problems of water pollution in Illinois. To Waterways, Cons. April 24.
- S.429** Water Pollution. Amends sections of the Fish Code of Illinois, relating to water pollution. To Assignment of Bills April 11.
- INDIANA** **H.152** Establishes a schedule for hours of work under compressed air and governing the rates of decompression. Requires work in any tunnel, caisson, compartment, or other place under compressed air to be performed in two periods with a rest period in between. Sets maximum daily hours ranging from 8 hours when the pressure is 15 pounds per square inch or less to one hour when the pressure exceeds 48 pounds with rest periods of 20 minutes for 15 pounds pressure, and ranging from one to 6 hours in open air as the pressure is increased. Forbids any person to be employed under pressure exceeding 50 pounds per square inch except in cases of extreme emergency.
- Makes every employer and every agent in charge of work under compressed air responsible for observance of the act, and places enforcement in the Department of Labor. Makes violation a misdemeanor subject to fine of \$25 to \$100 for the first offense and from \$50 to \$300 for a subsequent offense. Approved 2/27/51.
- MAINE** **H.1549** Amends the provision authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to inspect and order proper safety conditions in places of employment so as to make the provision applicable to all safeguards rather than only those specified, as at present. By Senate. To Labor.
- MICHIGAN** **H.218** Stream Pollution. To make it unlawful to put any blood, glass cans, bottles, or metal objects, or any other substance likely to injure any person, fish, bird or animal in the waters. To Conservation March 1; reported favorably April 5; second reading April 6; amended April 9; passed April 9. Referred to Conservation in Senate April 9.
- MONTANA** **H.87** Requires every employer to use proper safety devices, safeguards, methods, and processes reasonably adequate to make the place of employment safe for all workers.

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Grants code-making authority to the Industrial Accident Board. Specifies that such Board has power to adopt, amend, and repeal "safety codes" in all employments, after a public hearing. Authorizes the Board to publish such codes, and to enforce them. Allows employers to seek variations on the code by appeal; if the Board refuses such appeal, the employer may seek a court order.

Deems an employer or employee violating any safety code guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not exceeding \$500. Approved 3/5/51.

S.118 Creates a separate Department of Labor and Industry and a Department of Agriculture replacing the former Department of Agriculture, Labor, and Industry. In the Department of Labor and Industry provides for a Commissioner to be appointed by the Governor for a 4-year term.

Charges the newly created Department with the enforcement of all laws relating to hours of labor, conditions of labor, prosecution of employers who default in the payment of wages, protection of employees, child labor, and free employment offices. Approved 3/1/51.

RHODE ISLAND H.636

Requires every employer to notify immediately the Division of Industrial Inspection of every fatal injury to an employee arising out of or in the course of employment. Specifies that as soon as possible after receipt of such notice, the Division shall conduct an on-the-scene investigation of such fatal injury or accident. Forbids the employer, except for the purpose of preventing an immediate recurrence of the injury, to remove or alter the machinery, or in any manner destroy or minimize the evidence pertaining to the cause of the fatal injury until the investigation by the Division of Industrial Inspection is made. By McHugh. To Labor.

SUPPLEMENTARY

MASSACHUSETTS H.2402
(S.309, changed)

Toxic Substances. Proposes creation of a "board for regulation of toxic substances," with powers to make rules and regulations affecting the use, handling and distribution of toxic substances. S.309 accompanied petition of Joseph T. Walker, toxicologist of State Police. H.2402 passed by House, referred to Senate Ways and Means; before that committee as of May 4.