

Occupational Disease Compensation for Pennsylvania employees will begin January 1, 1938. Pennsylvania will then join 20 other progressive industrial states, including all neighboring states, which provide protection for this kind of injury.

Pennsylvania's law specifically names the causes of industrial disease which may be compensated. It includes

Poisoning from:

Lead, mercury, arsenic, manganese; phosphorus; methanol, carbon bisulphide, hydro-carbon distillates, halogenated hydrocarbons; benzol and its nitro, amido or amino derivatives; radium, X-ray; chromic acid, bichromate of ammonium, potassium or sodium (compounds are included);

Infection from:

Tar, pitch, bitumen, mineral oil, paraffin, oils, cutting compounds, lubricants, dust, liquids, fumes, gases, vapor, anthrax;

Injury from:

Asbestosis, silicosis or anthraco-silicosis (miners asthma); caisson disease (compressed air illness).

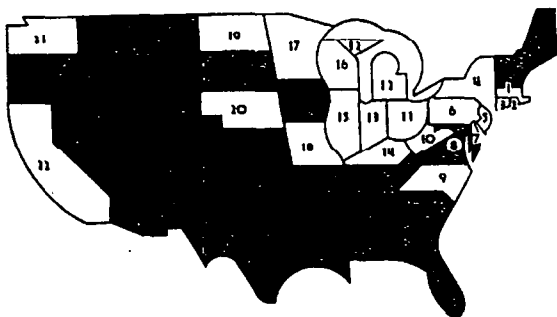
This law is an addition to the Workmen's Compensation law which will provide increased benefits beginning January 1, 1938, \$12 to \$18 per week and more adequate medical allowance. It will be administered by the Workmen's Compensation Bureau and Board.

Silicosis, anthraco-silicosis and asbestosis will not be compensable for temporary or partial disability; employers liability may not exceed \$3600 in any one case. These limitations do not apply to the other industrial diseases named.

The cost will bear more heavily on the industries having the greatest industrial disease hazards in the same way that compensation for other injuries bears more heavily on industries with large numbers of accidents. It is the natural and fair extension of the principle that injury to employees is a cost of business operation.

STATES WITH OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE COMPENSATION LAWS

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| 1 Massachusetts | 8 District of Columbia | 16 Wisconsin |
| 2 Rhode Island | 9 North Carolina | 17 Minnesota |
| 3 Connecticut | 10 West Virginia | 18 Missouri |
| 4 New York | 11 Ohio | 19 North Dakota |
| 5 New Jersey | 12 Michigan | 20 Nebraska |
| 6 Pennsylvania | 13 Indiana | 21 Washington |
| 7 Delaware | 14 Kentucky | 22 California |
| | 15 Illinois | |