

subcontractor to whom a principal contractor has sublet any part of the work which such principal contractor has undertaken.

Public authorities treated as business.

Section 106. The exercise and performance of the powers and duties of a local or other public authority shall, for the purposes of this act, be treated as the trade or business of the authority.

Department.

Section 107. The term "department," when used in this act, shall mean the Department of Labor and Industry of this Commonwealth.

Board.

The term "board," when used in this act, shall mean The Workmen's Compensation Board of this Commonwealth.

The term "referee," when used in this act, shall mean Workmen's Compensation Referee.

Occupational diseases:

Section 108. The term "occupational disease," as used in this act, shall mean only the following diseases:

(a) Poisoning by arsenic, lead, mercury, or manganese, their preparations or compounds, in any occupation involving direct contact with, handling thereof, or exposure thereto.

(b) Poisoning by phosphorus, its preparations or compounds, in any occupation involving direct contact with, handling thereof, or exposure thereto.

(c) Poisoning by methanol, carbon bisulphide, hydrocarbon distillates (naphthas and others), or halogenated hydrocarbons, or any preparations containing these chemicals or any of them, in any occupation involving direct contact with, handling thereof, or exposure thereto.

(d) Poisoning by benzol, or by nitro, amido, or amino derivatives of benzol (dinitro-benzol, anilin, and others), or their preparations or compounds, in any occupation involving direct contact with, handling thereof, or exposure thereto.

(e) Caisson disease (compressed air illness) resulting from engaging in any occupation carried on in compressed air.

(f) Radium poisoning or disability, due to radioactive properties of substances or to Roentgen-ray (X-rays) in any occupation involving direct contact with, handling thereof, or exposure thereto.

(g) Poisoning by, or ulceration from, chromic acid, or bichromate of ammonium, bichromate of potassium, or bichromate of sodium, or their preparations, in any occupation involving direct contact with, handling thereof, or exposure thereto.

(h) Epitheliomatous cancer or ulceration due to tar, pitch, bitumen, mineral oil, or paraffin, or any compound, product or residue of any of those substances, in any occupation involving direct contact with, handling thereof, or exposure thereto.