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COVERAGE OF OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES

FULL COVERAGE		
Alaska	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Arkansas	Michigan	Puerto Rico
California	Minnesota	Rhode Island
Connecticut	Missouri	South Carolina
Delaware	Nebraska	Utah
District of Columbia	Nevada	Virginia[1]
Florida	New Jersey	Washington
Hawaii	New Hampshire	West Virginia
Illinois	New York	Wisconsin
Indiana	North Dakota	United States
Kentucky	Ohio	Federal employees
Maine	Oregon	Longshoremen
Maryland		

SCHEDULE COVERAGE		
Alabama	Louisiana	Tennessee[2]
Arizona	Mississippi	Texas
Colorado	Montana	Vermont
Georgia	New Mexico	Wyoming
Idaho	North Carolina	
Iowa	Oklahoma	
Kansas	South Dakota	

Source State Workmen s Compensation Laws, *Bulletin 161, U S Department of Labor*

NOTES (Be sure to check latest rulings)

[1] Employer may elect schedule coverage

[2] Full coverage possible

It is now generally recognized that occupational diseases should be compensated, and some provision for doing so is made in all of the states Some of the laws list the diseases that are included, others cover all occupational diseases In recent years, there has been increasing use of general coverage

In the case of occupational diseases, the amounts of compensation for disability or death, medical care, or coverage are usually the same as those for accidental injuries except with respect to silicosis, asbestosis, and other dust diseases

So that employers can obtain information relative to occupational diseases suffered by applicants for employment, some states have placed considerable responsibility upon the employee An employee in these states is penalized for making a false representation, or for not giving certain information, which could mislead an employer

Since occupational diseases develop or "accumulate" over a long period of time during which a worker may have several different employers, some provision must be made for fixing responsibility In most states, the employer under whom the employee was last injuriously exposed is held liable for the compensation Some states provide that the last employer may appeal to the commission to have the costs for compensation properly apportioned among the other employers who are liable

In any event, it behooves an employer to