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State

Status Changed

CALIFORNIA

A.16 Air Pollution. Hearing date in Senate June 7.

A.515 Hazardous Work. Passed Assembly April 13, 1951.

CONNECTICUT

H.513 Water Pollution. Referred to Public Health Safety in Senate May 23. Reported favorably in Senate May 23. Passed Senate May 25.

S.295 Stream Pollution. Passed Senate May 23. Referred to Public Health in House May 24.

S.518 Air Pollution. Passed the Senate May 28. Referred to Cities in House May 29.

ILLINOIS

H.795 Water Pollution. Hearing date in House June 6.

H.796 Water Pollution. Hearing date in House June 6.

H.805 Water Pollution. Hearing date in House June 6.

H.807 Water Pollution. Hearing date in House June 6.

H.808 Water Pollution. Hearing date in House June 6.

H.809 Water Pollution. Hearing date in House June 6.

S.292 Water Pollution. Hearing date in House June 6.

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S.302 Water Pollution. Hearing date in House June 6.

S.304 Water Pollution. Hearing date in House June 6.

S.305 Water Pollution. Hearing date in House June 6.

S.306 Water Pollution. Hearing date in House June 6.

S.429 Water Pollution. Reported with amendment in House May 23.



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MAINE H.936 Water Pollution. Reported unfavorably in House May 18.

MASSACHUSETTS H.407 Industrial Waste. Reported unfavorably in Senate May 31.

MICHIGAN H.218 Stream Pollution. Approved by Governor May 28.

NEW JERSEY S.71 Sewage. Approved by Governor May 29.

TEXAS S.370 Water Pollution. Passed House May 23.

UTAH S.227 Occupational Diseases. Approved February 28.

WISCONSIN S.472 Smoke Regulation. Senate concurs in amendments May 29.

New Bills

CALIFORNIA A.980 Reports of Injuries. Maloney. Increases from \$10 to \$25 the minimum fine for failure to report injuries, but makes no change in the maximum fine of \$100. Passed Assembly April 17.

H.R.159 Air Pollution. Creates Assembly interim committee on air pollution. To Rules May 25.

S.697 Silicosis. Regan. To Labor. Amends the workmen's compensation law to provide that in the case of silicosis arising out of employment in mining or timbering operations, the date of injury shall be considered as the date on which the employee left the last employment where he was exposed to a silicotic hazard.

S.701 Silicosis. Regan. To Labor. Provides that the special procedure established for determining benefits for silicosis contracted in mining or tunneling operations, which at present apply to all such mining operations, shall apply only to silicosis incurred in underground metal mining or tunneling operations.

CONNECTICUT S.832 Pollution. Concerning pollution. To Public Health and Safety May 29.

DELAWARE H.89 Department of Labor. Bruno. To Labor. Creates a Department of Labor and Industry headed by a Commissioner of Labor and Industry appointed by the Governor for a term of 4 years at a salary of \$6,000 per annum. Provides that the Commissioner shall administer and enforce all laws, rules and regulations charged to the Department, and shall direct all inspections and investigations.

Abolishes the Labor Commission and transfers its powers, duties, records, and personnel to the Department of Labor and Industry.

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Directs the Commissioner to make a complete study of accidents and industrial diseases and to propose to the Governor and General Assembly at the earliest possible date suitable legislation to develop a proper safety code for prevention of accidents and industrial diseases.

IDAHO

H.123 Safety Violations. Amends the procedure to be followed when the Commissioner of Labor finds violation of any law relating to safety and sanitary conditions.

Adds to the powers of the Commissioner so that he may require that the place of business or equipment be constructed and maintained in conformity with reasonable standards of safety. Approved March 20.

H.167 Medical Treatment. Provides that medical treatment and supplies shall be furnished to a workman disabled by an occupational disease, for a reasonable length of time after such disablement, rather than for a period of time not to exceed 90 days after disablement. Approved March 15.

ILLINOIS

H.271 Industrial Hygiene. Lee, et al. Entitles any person, dissatisfied with the findings of an industrial hygiene unit of the Department of Labor, in a factory inspection, to an independent review by the central laboratory of the Department of Public Health before prosecution for violation of the law is instigated. Reported favorably March 27 and to 3rd reading in House April 11.

(H.449 Workmen's Compensation. Allison and Sonderstrom. To Judiciary.

(S.275 Workmen's Compensation. Crisenberry, et al. To Assignment of Bills. Companion bills of broad scope. Of interest to all employers within the state.

S.685 Water Pollution. Amends Section 7bb of the act creating the Chicago Sanitary District to provide that nothing in this section shall be construed so as to eliminate any of the powers now granted to Chicago as to design, preparation of plans and construction, maintenance and operation of sewers and sewer systems, or for the control and elimination or prevention of the pollution of their waters or waterways, in the cities and villages act or in any other act of the State of Illinois. To Efficiency and Economy Com. May 25.

INDIANA

H.360 Occupational Diseases. Increases and extends occupational disease benefits under workmen's compensation law. Approved March 5.

MICHIGAN

H.235 Safety Standards. Goulette and Erlandsen. To Labor, Requires all employers, except farmers, to use safety devices, safeguards, methods, and processes reasonably adequate to render the place of employment safe for employees.

Authorizes the Commissioner of Labor to establish minimum safety standards.

MINNESOTA

S.147 Occupational Diseases. Mullin and Peterson. To Workmen's Compensation. Amends the workmen's compensation act in relation to occupational diseases. Removes all limitations on the definition of occupational disease now in the law and defines it as a disease arising out of and in the course of employment. Passed Senate April 9.

NEVADA

A.14 Occupational Disease. Provides that employers who employ two or more, rather than three or more, employees shall be subject to the occupational diseases act.

Provides that any employee who after July 1, 1947, is disabled or dies because of an occupational disease arising out of employment in the State shall be entitled to benefits.

Amends the provision which permits an employee suffering from silicosis to waive full benefits for an aggravation of his condition that may result from his continuing in his hazardous occupation. Specifies that no such waiver may be permitted in the case of an employee who has been exposed to harmful quantities of silicon dust for a period of not less than 4 years. Approved March 22.

NEW JERSEY

A.263 Workmen's Compensation. Friedland. To Labor and Industries. Revises the entire workmen's compensation act so as to extend coverage, provide increased benefits, create a Board of Review, and establish a State Workmen's Compensation Insurance Fund.

A.683 Horseplay. Gray. To Labor and Industries. Amends the workmen's compensation law to include among compensable injuries, those "resulting from horseplay or skylarking on the part of a fellow employee, not instigated or taken part in by the employee who suffers the accident."

S.194 Dust Diseases. Sumnerill. To Labor, Industries, and Social Welfare. Extends coverage to include any pulmonary dust disease as a compensable occupational disease.

NEW MEXICO

H.61 Occupational Diseases. Amends and increases benefits of Occupational Disease Disabling Law. Approved March 16.

OKLAHOMA

- H.179 Occupational Diseases. (as amended 3/8/51) Grayson. As amended, adds coverage of occupational diseases and specifies those diseases which are to be considered occupational in origin. The bill as introduced defined occupational disease as any disease arising out of, and because of, the employment. To 2nd and 3rd reading in House March 29.

PENNSYLVANIA

- H.69 Dust Diseases. Toll and Laven. To Workmen's Compensation. Amends the law to make compensation payable when death or total disability is "primarily" rather than "solely" caused "by silicosis, anthraco-silicosis, or asbestosis, or by silicosis, anthraco-silicosis, or asbestosis when accompanied by active pulmonary tuberculosis."
- H.242 Silicosis. Jones and Buechin. To Workmen's Compensation. Classifies anthraco-silicosis contracted from "any occupation involving direct or indirect contact with handling of or exposure to dust resulting from burning of clay and the sawing of clay brick" as a compensable occupational disease, thereby amending the present law which limits compensable silicosis to that contracted "in any occupation involving direct contact with handling of or exposure to dust of silicon dioxide."
- H.164 Occupational Diseases. Masta and Mikula. To Workmen's Compensation. Extends coverage of the Occupational Disease Act to include "any and all occupational diseases." Increases benefits for total and partial disability. Abolishes Medical Board and delegates its powers and duties to the Workmen's Compensation Board.
- H.875 Shot Firing. Reese. To Mines and Mining. Amends the law relating to safety in mines so as to require that in all mines every shot-firer shall have a helper whose duties shall be to act as a guard, to notify other persons when the shot-firer is ready to blast, and to assist the shot-firer in the performance of his duties.
- H.933 Medical Service. This bill would require employers employing one hundred or more persons in any shop or factory to employ one or more licensed physician(s) and one or more registered nurse(s) to render medical aid. Such medical aid is to be rendered to persons during their hours of employment whether their need for aid arises from industrial accident or otherwise. Copies of this bill have been sent to our members having plants in Pennsylvania.

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RHODE ISLAND

H.760 New Factories. Skiffington. Requires the Director of Labor, whenever a new factory is established, to notify the Board of Health of the city or town concerned. Requires the health officer of said town, within 10 days after notification, to inspect the new factory for cleanliness, ventilation, adequate rest rooms, lighting facilities, and sanitary conditions, and report his findings to the Director. Passed House March 28.

UTAH

S.42 Silicosis. Increases occupational disease benefits. Provides that benefits for silicosis are payable if the employee has been exposed within the State to silicon dioxide dust for 5 out of the 15 years, instead of 5 out of the 10 years, immediately preceding disablement or death. Provides that if silicosis is complicated by active tuberculosis, benefits may be paid for total disability or death resulting within 5 years, rather than 2 years, from the last day the employee worked for the employer against whom compensation is claimed. Retains the former 2-year limit for cases not complicated by tuberculosis.

Provides that the employer in whose employment the worker was last exposed to silicon dioxide dust during a period of 30 days or more after the effective date of the act, instead of 60 days or more, shall be the only employer liable for silicosis benefits.

Increases the maximum weekly benefits for temporary total or permanent total disability from \$25 to \$27.50, plus additional benefits for minor children, and the minimum from \$15 to \$17.50. Approved February 23.

S.226 Compensation and Occupational Disease Study. Creates a 10-member council, 5 members representing employers and 5 representing employees, for the purpose of studying the Utah workmen's compensation and occupational disease laws, rules, and regulations and their administration. Approved February 25.