

revoke any employer's or contractor's permit whenever it has reason to believe that the holder of such a permit is not observing the provisions of the act or the regulations issued to implement the act.

Section 8 authorizes the court of common pleas of the county in which an employer or representative contractor has a place of business, upon application of the Department of Labor and Industry, to enjoin the continued operation of the business if it be shown that such employer or representative contractor has twice been found guilty of conducting his business without an employer's permit as required by section 7.

Department of Health

No legislation has thus far been enacted expressly delegating any duties to the Department of Health in the field of industrial health. However, as indicated in the general material preceding the summary of industrial statutes, the State Department of Health, and more particularly the Bureau of Industrial Hygiene in that Department, performs valuable research and renders medical and engineering services, all of which are designed to safeguard the health of industrial workers.

Occupational Disease Act¹⁸

The legislation considered previously in this chapter provides a basis for administrative action to compel compliance with certain minimum standards of health and safety for the prevention of occupational hazards and the safeguard of industrial health. The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act of 1939, considered below, is a different type of industrial health statute. Whereas the laws discussed previously are preventive and penal in nature, the occupational disease law is invoked only after an employee has been disabled or has died from a compensable occupational disease. Because it is natural that an employer, aware of a potential financial loss from an occupational disability or disease suffered by an employee, will attempt to lessen this financial burden by incorporating sound industrial health procedures within his plant, it may be said that there is probably a greater effort by industry at this time to prevent the occurrence of compensable diseases than those diseases which are not compensable under the existing Occupational Disease Act.

¹⁸ See note 3, *supra*.