

No. 2008-123

AN ACT

SB 263

Amending the act of June 21, 1939 (P.L.566, No.284), entitled "An act defining the liability of an employer to pay damages for occupational disease contracted by an employe arising out of and in the course of employment; establishing an elective schedule of compensation; providing procedure for the determination of liability and compensation thereunder; imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry, the Workmen's Compensation Board, Workmen's Compensation Referees, and deans of medical schools; creating a medical board to determine controverted medical issues; establishing an Occupational Disease Fund in custody of the State Workmen's Insurance Board; imposing upon the Commonwealth a part of the compensation payable for certain occupational diseases; making an appropriation; and prescribing penalties," providing further benefits.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 301 of the act of June 21, 1939 (P.L.566, No.284), known as The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act, is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 301. * * *

(m) Every person heretofore or hereafter qualified for additional compensation under the provisions of clause (2) of subsection (a) or subsection (i) shall, beginning with the month following the effective date of this subsection, or the month of qualification, whichever occurs later, be paid further compensation of fifty dollars (\$50) per month during the period of disability. Such further compensation paid to a person heretofore or hereafter qualified shall be paid by the Commonwealth.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

APPROVED—The 9th day of October, A.D. 2008.

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