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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 650, L.D. 903, Bill, "An Act Clarifying Compensation for Occupational Disease Under Workmen's Compensation Act."

Amend said Bill in section 6 in that part designated "§193." by striking out in the 3rd line (2nd line in L.D. 903) of subsection 4 the underlined figure "17" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '50'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 7 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 7. R.S., T. 39, §194, amended. Section 194 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:
§ 194. Silicosis or asbestosis

In the absence of conclusive evidence in favor of the claim, disability or death from silicosis or asbestosis shall be presumed not to be due to the nature of any occupation, unless during the 10 years immediately preceding the date of disability the employee has been exposed to the inhalation of silica dust or asbestos dust over a period of not less than 5 years, 2 years of which shall have been in this State, under a contract of employment existing in this State. If the employee shall have been employed by the same employer during the whole of such 5-year period, his right to compensation against such employer shall not be affected by the fact that he had been employed during any part of such period outside of this State. ~~No compensation shall be payable for partial incapacity due to silicosis.~~ The compensation payable in any such case shall be limited to a period not to exceed the average life expectancy of a person of the age and sex of the deceased. ~~In the event of disability from silicosis the employer shall provide reasonable medical treatment not to exceed \$1,000 in amount.'~~

Reported by the Committee on Labor.

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