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STATE OF MAINE  
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HOUSE 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 of 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

In the absence of ~~econclusive~~ evidence in favor of the claim, disability or death from silicosis shall be presumed not to be due to the nature of any occupation, unless during the ~~10~~ 5 years immediately preceding the date of disability the employee has been exposed to the inhalation of silica dust over a period of not less than ~~5-2~~ 2 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 2-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.~~

Filed by Mr. Ross of Bath.

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