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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S. P. 199, L.D. 495, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to Occupational Loss of Hearing."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 39 MRSA §193, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1967,
c. 374, §6, is amended to read:

2. Limitations on sound frequencies. Losses of hearing
due to industrial noise for compensation purposes shall be
confined to the frequencies of 500, 1000, 2000 and ~~2,000~~ 3,000
cycles per second. Loss of hearing ability for frequency
tones above ~~2,000~~ 3,000 cycles per second are not to be
considered as constituting disability for hearing.

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA §193, sub-§3, first and 2nd sentences,
as enacted by PL 1967, c. 374, §6, are amended to read:
The percent of hearing loss, for purposes of the determination
of compensation claims for occupational deafness shall be
calculated as the average, in decibels, of the thresholds of
hearing for the frequencies of 500, 1000, 2,000 and ~~2,000~~ 3,000
per second. Hearing levels shall be measured by means of
pure-tone ~~ear-conduction~~ air-conduction audiometric instruments
calibrated in accordance with ~~American Standard Z24.57-1951~~
~~American Standards Association, March 21, 1951~~ American
National Standards Institute ¹⁹⁶⁹ S3.6 /, and in an area with
ambient noise level ~~within the limits specified in American~~

~~Standards-Association-Criteria-for-Background-Noise-in-Audiometric~~
~~Room-S3-17-1960.~~

Statement of Fact

The purpose^s of this amendment are to:

1. Reinstate the current frequencies and raise the highest frequency to 3,000 cycles per second;
2. Correct a minor error in the statutes by changing "ear-conduction" to "air-conduction;" and
3. Change the calibration standards.

Reported by the Committee on Labor.

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