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House of Representatives, March 29, 1993

An Act to Permit the Inclusion of Occupational Injury as a Reportable Condition under the Occupational Disease Reporting System.

Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PENDEXTER of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Representative: GEAN of Alfred, Senators: CAHILL of Sagadahoc, CONLEY of Cumberland.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

4 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1491, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 452, §1, is
amended to read:

6 **§1491. Occupational disease reporting**

8 As used in this chapter the term "occupational disease"
10 means any abnormal condition or disorder, ~~other-than-resulting~~
~~from-an-occupational-injury~~ including an occupational injury,
12 caused by exposure to environmental factors associated with
employment. Occupational diseases shall include the following:
14 Asbestosis; mesothelioma; silicosis; and exposure to heavy
metals. Reporting of other occupational diseases may be required
16 only by departmental rules.

18 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

20 This bill includes occupational injury in the definition of
22 "occupational disease" as it relates to reportable conditions
under the occupational disease reporting system.