

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 822

House of Representatives, February 20, 1997

**An Act to Change the Definition of Occupational Disease for Purposes  
of the Occupational Disease Law.**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JONES of Bar Harbor.  
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and  
Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, HATCH of Skowhegan, JABAR of Waterville,  
MITCHELL of Portland, SAMSON of Jay, THOMPSON of Naples, Senators: CAREY of  
Kennebec, RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §603**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A,  
§8 and affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:

6 **§603. Occupational disease defined**

8 As used in this chapter, the term "occupational disease"  
10 means ~~only a disease that is due to causes and conditions~~  
characteristic ~~of a particular trade, occupation, process or~~  
12 employment and that arises out of and in the course of any  
abnormal condition or disorder caused in whole or in part by  
14 exposure to environmental factors associated with employment.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill defines the term "occupational disease" to mean  
20 any abnormal condition or disorder caused in whole or in part by  
exposure to environmental factors associated with employment for  
22 purposes of the Occupational Disease Law.