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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn by request.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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AN ACT to Extend Occupational Disease Coverage Under the Workmen's  
Compensation Act.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 26, § 59, amended.** Section 59 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 338 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 59. Definition of "occupational disease".** Whenever used in this law the term "occupational disease" shall be construed to mean ~~only a disease set forth in section 69 which is due to causes and conditions which are characteristic of and peculiar to a particular trade, occupation, process or employment and which arises out of and in the course of employment~~ any disease or infection arising out of employment and resulting from the nature of the employment.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 26, § 69, repealed and replaced.** Section 69 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 338 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'**Sec. 69. Coverage date of added diseases.** In all cases of occupational diseases made additionally compensable by the amended section 59 of this

law, the phrase "date when this law takes effect" in section 58 hereof, the phrase "effective date of this law" in section 60, and the phrase "1st calendar month in which this law becomes effective" in section 65, shall be construed to mean the date or month respectively when said amended section 59 becomes effective.'