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Introduced by M. of A. BRODSKY, COLTON, ALESSI -- Multi-Sponsored by --  
M. of A. GORDON, PERRY -- read once and referred to the Committee on  
Labor

AN ACT to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to including  
Lyme disease as an occupational disease

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraph 30 of subdivision 2 of section 3 of the workers'  
2 compensation law, as renumbered by chapter 665 of the laws of 1971, is  
3 renumbered paragraph 31 and a new paragraph 30 is added to read as  
4 follows:

5	30. LYME DISEASE	30. ANY PROCESS INVOLVING FARMING,
6	(LYME BORRCLIOSIS).	LANDSCAPING OPERATIONS, TREE
7		PRUNING, SPRAYING, REPAIRING,
8		OR RELATED OCCUPATION WHICH
9		CREATES EXPOSURE TO LYME
10		DISEASE CARRYING ORGANISMS
11		OR CARE OR HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

12 S 2. The closing paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 3 of the work-  
13 ers' compensation law, as amended by chapter 666 of the laws of 1971, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Nothing in paragraph [thirty] THIRTY-ONE of this subdivision shall be  
16 construed to apply to any disability or death due to any disease  
17 described in paragraph twenty-nine of this subdivision.

18 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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