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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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

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

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| 30. LYME DISEASE (LYME BORRCLIOSIS). | 30. ANY PROCESS INVOLVING FARMING, LANDSCAPING OPERATIONS, TREE PRUNING, SPRAYING, REPAIRING, OR RELATED OCCUPATION WHICH CREATES EXPOSURE TO LYME DISEASE CARRYING ORGANISMS OR CARE OR HANDLING OF ANIMALS. |

S 2. The closing paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 3 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by chapter 666 of the laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

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

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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