STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 10, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. BARRETT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to including Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases as occupational diseases for purposes of workers' compensation

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:

30. Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.

30. Any process involving outdoor activity or treatment of animals.

§ 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.

§ 3. Subdivision 9 of section 201 of the workers' compensation law is amended by adding a new paragraph C to read as follows:

C. "Disability" also includes disability caused by or in connection with Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or before such effective date.

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

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