

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:

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 and other 30. Any process involving
6 tick-borne diseases. outdoor activity or
7 treatment of animals.

8 § 2. The closing paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 3 of the work-
9 ers' compensation law, as amended by chapter 666 of the laws of 1971, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Nothing in paragraph [~~thirty~~] thirty-one of this subdivision shall be
12 construed to apply to any disability or death due to any disease
13 described in paragraph twenty-nine of this subdivision.

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

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

18 § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
19 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
20 ment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations necessary for the imple-
21 mentation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on
22 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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