STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 26, 2022

Introduced by Sen. MANNION -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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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