

○ **NEVADA OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES ACT**

*STATUTORY CITATION:* Nev. Rev. Stat. §§ 617.010 – 617.510

*GENERAL SUMMARY:* The Nevada Occupational Diseases Act makes most employers in the state liable for the payment of compensation for occupational diseases sustained by their employees which arise out of and in the course of their employment. Every covered worker who is disabled because of an occupational disease, or the dependents of a worker whose death is caused by such a disease, are entitled to payment of the associated medical expenses, cash disability benefits, and death benefits, as the facts may warrant.

Employers may meet their liability for occupational disease compensation by securing coverage through private insurance companies, joining an association of self-insured employers, or qualifying as a self-insured employer by establishing to the satisfaction of the state insurance commissioner that the employer has sufficient resources to make prompt payment of compensation. The Act prescribes both civil and criminal penalties for failure by an employer to secure and provide occupational disease compensation as required.

*PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AGRICULTURE:* Except where coverage is provided by the employer voluntarily, the Nevada Occupational Diseases Act **does not apply** to anyone engaged in farm, dairy, agricultural or horticultural labor.

*ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT*

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *Workers' Compensation Section, Division of Industrial Relations, Nevada Department of Business and Industry, Carson City, Nevada 89703.*

SECONDARY OR ASSOCIATED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *None.*