

○ **PENNSYLVANIA OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE ACT**

STATUTORY CITATION: 77 Pa. Stat. §§ 1201 – 1209

GENERAL SUMMARY: The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act requires most employers in the state to insure their workers against disablement or death caused by occupational disease resulting from employment. Unless exempted by the state administering agency as having sufficient financial ability to cover claims directly, subject employers must purchase occupational disease compensation insurance from the State Workers' Insurance Fund or from a commercial insurance carrier, to meet the cost of medical treatment and regular cash benefits to the worker or the worker's dependents for continuing disability or death. Employers who fail to comply with the obligation to insure are faced with criminal fines, imprisonment, or both.

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AGRICULTURE: The Occupational Disease Act **does not apply** to persons performing agricultural services.

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17104.*

SECONDARY OR ASSOCIATED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *None.*