

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 827

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "requiring" in line 6 down through "changes;" in line 8 and substitute "altering the levels of hearing loss for which certain employers must provide certain compensation;"; and in line 12, after "Section" insert "9-505 and".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 17, insert:

"9-505.

(a) Except as otherwise provided, an employer shall provide compensation in accordance with this title to a covered employee for loss of hearing by the covered employee due to industrial noise in the frequencies of 500, 1,000, [and] 2,000, AND 3,000 HERTZ [cycles per second].

(b) An employer is not liable for compensation for occupational deafness under subsection (a) of this section unless the covered employee claiming benefits worked for the employer in employment that exposed the covered employee to harmful noise for at least 90 days."; and in line 21, strike "AN AUDIOLOGIST UTILIZING".

On page 2, in line 7, strike "AN AUDIOLOGIST MAY OBTAIN"; in line 9, after "EMISSIONS" insert "MAY BE OBTAINED"; in line 11, strike "AN AUDIOLOGIST OR PHYSICIAN SHALL USE"; in the same line, after "RESULTS" insert "SHALL BE USED"; and in lines 23 and 27, in each instance, strike the bracket.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 15 through 21, inclusive; and in line 22, strike "3." and substitute "2.".