

BY: Conference Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 179

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after "frequencies;" insert "altering the levels of hearing loss for which certain employers must provide certain compensation;"; and in line 10, after "Section" insert "9-505 and".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 15, 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."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 19, strike "AN AUDIOLOGIST UTILIZING".

On page 2, in line 16, strike "AN AUDIOLOGIST MAY OBTAIN"; in line 18, after "EMISSIONS" insert "MAY BE OBTAINED"; strike beginning with "IN" in line 20 down through "USE" in line 22; in line 22, after "RESULTS" insert "SHALL BE USED"; in the same line, after "WITH" insert "OTHER INFORMATION"; and strike beginning with "MEDICAL" in line 23 down through "TESTS" in line 24.

On page 3, in line 21, strike "COMPLAINT" and substitute "CLAIM".