

HB1135/463699/1

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1135
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “applying” in line 5 down through “unit” in line 7 and substitute “providing that certain employees”; in line 8, strike “under certain circumstances” and substitute “are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable in a certain manner”; and strike beginning with “in” in line 10 down through the second “unit” in line 11.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 1, after “(1)” insert “**(I)**”; strike beginning with the first “OR” in line 3 down through “UNIT” in line 4; in lines 7 and 14, in each instance, strike “(i)” and substitute “**1.**”; strike beginning with “OR” in line 10 down through “UNIT” in line 12; in lines 14, 15, and 19, in each instance, strike “OR EMPLOYEE”; in lines 8 and 17, in each instance, strike “(ii)” and substitute “**2.**”; in line 10, strike “(2)” and substitute “**(II)**”; strike beginning with “OR” in line 17 down through “EMPLOYEE” in line 18; after line 20, insert:

“(2) (I) AN EMPLOYEE OF THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION OTHER THAN A PARK POLICE OFFICER IS PRESUMED TO HAVE AN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE THAT WAS SUFFERED IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND IS COMPENSABLE UNDER THIS TITLE IF THE EMPLOYEE:

1. IS SUFFERING FROM LYME DISEASE; AND

(Over)

2. WAS NOT SUFFERING FROM LYME DISEASE BEFORE ASSIGNMENT TO A POSITION THAT REGULARLY PLACES THE EMPLOYEE IN AN OUTDOOR WOODED ENVIRONMENT.

(II) THE PRESUMPTION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL APPLY ONLY IF:

1. FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEFORE THE FILING OF THE CLAIM FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE EMPLOYEE:

A. HAS NOT BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION AS A SEASONAL OR INTERMITTENT EMPLOYEE; AND

B. HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION ON A FULL-TIME BASIS;

2. THE EMPLOYEE'S ASSIGNMENT TO A POSITION THAT REGULARLY PLACES THE EMPLOYEE IN AN OUTDOOR WOODED ENVIRONMENT LASTED FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR; AND

3. THE EMPLOYEE FILES THE CLAIM FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAST DATE THAT THE EMPLOYEE WAS ASSIGNED TO A POSITION THAT REGULARLY PLACED THE EMPLOYEE IN AN OUTDOOR WOODED ENVIRONMENT.”;

strike beginning with “IN” in line 24 down through the second “UNIT” in line 25; and
strike beginning with “IN” in line 36 down through the second “UNIT” in line 37.