

## No. 23

## AN ACT

HB 425

Amending the act of June 21, 1939 (P. L. 566), entitled "An act defining the liability of an employer to pay damages for occupational disease contracted by an employe arising out of and in the course of employment; establishing an elective schedule of compensation; providing procedure for the determination of liability and compensation thereunder; imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry, the Workmen's Compensation Board, Workmen's Compensation Referees, and deans of medical schools; creating a medical board to determine controverted medical issues; establishing an Occupational Disease Fund in custody of the State Workmen's Insurance Board; imposing upon the Commonwealth a part of the compensation payable for certain occupational diseases; making an appropriation; and prescribing penalties," prohibiting the solicitation of money to assist people to obtain benefits, and prescribing penalties.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of June 21, 1939 (P. L. 566), known as "The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act," is amended by adding after section 501, a new section to read:

***Section 501.1. Any person who solicits money for assisting any person to obtain any benefits under this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and costs of prosecution, or to undergo imprisonment for one year, or both. This provision shall not apply to an attorney at law who for a fee has been retained by a claimant to give him legal advice and assistance in obtaining benefits.***

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 10th day of June, A. D. 1969.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 23.

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth.