

wise be payable, falsely represented himself in writing as not having previously been disabled, laid off, or compensated in damages or otherwise, because of such disease.

Where an occupational disease is aggravated by any other disease or infirmity, not itself compensable, or where disability or death from any other cause, not itself compensable, is aggravated, prolonged, accelerated or in anywise contributed to by an occupational disease, the percentage of such contribution to be determined by the Medical Board, as hereinafter created, the compensation payable shall be reduced and limited to such proportion only of the compensation that would be payable if the occupational disease were the sole cause of the disability or death as such occupational disease, as a causative factor, bears to all the causes of such disability or death, such reduction in compensation to be effected by reducing the number of weekly or monthly payments or the amount of such payments, as under the circumstances of the particular case may be for the best interest of the claimant or claimants.

32C. No compensation for death from an occupational disease shall be payable to any person whose relationship to the deceased, which, under the provisions of this Article would give right to compensation, arose subsequent to the beginning of the first compensable disability save only to after-born children of a marriage existing at the beginning of such disability.

Where compensation is payable for an occupational disease, the employer in whose employment the employee was last injuriously exposed to the hazards of such disease, and the insurance carrier, if any, on the risk when such employee was last so exposed under such employer, shall be liable therefor; the amount of the compensation shall be based upon the average wages of the employee when last so exposed under such employer; and the notice of injury and claim for compensation, as hereinafter required, shall be given and made to such employer; provided, however, that in case of silicosis or asbestosis the only employer or insurance carrier liable shall be the last employer in whose employment the employee was last injuriously exposed to the hazards of the disease during a period of sixty (60) days or more after the effective date of this sub-title, and the insurance carrier, if any, on the risk when the employee was last so exposed under such employer.

An employer shall not be liable for any compensation for an occupational disease unless such disease shall be due to the nature of an employment in which the hazards of such disease actually exist, are characteristic of and peculiar to the trade, occupation, process, or employment, and is actually