

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.

(c) An employer shall not be liable for any compensation for an occupational disease unless such disease, *except in case of silicosis, asbestosis or other PULMONARY dust disease*, shall be due to the nature of an employment in which the hazards of such disease actually exists, are characteristic of and peculiar to the trade, occupation, process, or employment, and is actually incurred in his employment and unless disablement or death results within ~~three (3) years~~ ONE (1) YEAR [in case of silicosis or asbestosis, or one (1) year in case of any other occupational disease,] after the last injurious exposure to such disease in such employment, or, in case of death, unless death follows continuous disability from such disease, commencing within the period above limited, for which compensation has been paid or awarded or claim made as provided in this Article, and results within seven (7) years after such last exposure.

(d) *When disability or death of an employee shall be due to silicosis, asbestosis or other PULMONARY dust disease, the employer shall be liable for compensation if such disease causing such disability or death shall be due to the nature of the 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 incurred in his employment regardless of when such disability or death may occur after the employee has been found to be affected by silicosis, asbestosis or other dust disease.* CURRED IN HIS EMPLOYMENT, PROVIDED SUCH DISABILITY OR DEATH SHALL OCCUR WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER THE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE FOUND TO BE AFFECTED BY SILICOSIS, ASBESTOSIS, OR OTHER PULMONARY DUST DISEASE.

24. (a) In the absence of conclusive evidence in favor of the claim, disability or death from silicosis or asbestosis shall be presumed in fact not to be due to the nature of any occupation within the provisions of [Section 21 of]