

# SENATE BILL No. 512

July 12, 1989, Introduced by Senator Mack and  
referred to the Committee on Human Resources and  
Senior Citizens.

A bill to amend Act No. 317 of the Public Acts of 1969,  
entitled as amended  
"Worker's disability compensation act of 1969,"  
as amended, being sections 418.101 to 418.941 of the Michigan  
Compiled Laws, by adding section 407.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Section 1. Act No. 317 of the Public Acts of 1969, as  
2 amended, being sections 418.101 to 418.941 of the Michigan  
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 407 to read as  
4 follows:

5       SEC. 407. (1) IN THE CASE OF A STATE FORESTER, STATE GAME  
6 WARDEN, CONSERVATION OFFICER, OR ANY OTHER STATE EMPLOYEE WHOSE  
7 OCCUPATION RESULTS IN CONSTANT EXPOSURE TO THE STATE FORESTS OR  
8 OTHER WOODED AREAS OF THE STATE, "PERSONAL INJURY" SHALL INCLUDE  
9 LYME DISEASE OR OTHER CONDITIONS DIRECTLY RESULTING FROM THE BITE

1 OF THE DEER TICK, IXODES DAMMINI, WHICH DEVELOP OR MANIFEST  
2 THEMSELVES DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH THE EMPLOYEE IS IN ACTIVE  
3 SERVICE FOR THE STATE AND THAT RESULT FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF  
4 DUTIES FOR THE STATE.

5 (2) LYME DISEASE OR OTHER CONDITIONS DIRECTLY RESULTING FROM  
6 THE BITE OF THE DEER TICK, IXODES DAMMINI, ARE CONSIDERED TO  
7 ARISE OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE ABSENCE OF  
8 EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY.

9 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "LYME DISEASE" MEANS AN ILLNESS  
10 CAUSED BY INFECTION WITH THE SPIROCHETE BACTERIUM, BORRELIA BUR-  
11 GDORFERI, THAT MAY BE MANIFESTED BY A VARIETY OF SYMPTOMS INCLUD-  
12 ING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A BULL'S EYE RASH, FEVER, HEADACHE,  
13 FATIGUE, NUMBNESS, FACIAL PARALYSIS, JOINT PAIN, AND CARDIAC  
14 ARRHYTHMIAS.