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Brief Description: Presuming the existence of an occupational disease.

**SB 6350 - DIGEST**

Declares that an occupational disease claim is presumed to arise naturally and proximately out of employment and the employer has the burden of proving that an unsafe or unhealthy condition, practice, or other hazard at a workplace did not contribute to the claimed occupational disease.

Provides that, if a worker notifies an employer of an unsafe or unhealthy condition, practice, or other hazard that might result in an occupational disease, the employer shall investigate and correct the condition, practice, or other hazard. Failure to respond within a reasonable time to the notice subjects an employer to a penalty determined by the director, but not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for each offense.