



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6792

LCO No. 3374



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND
AMBULANCE COMPANIES AND THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER
UNDER THE CONNECTICUT OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
ACT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 31-367 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (d) "Employer" means the state and any political subdivision
5 thereof, and, except as provided in section 31-369, as amended by this
6 act, any volunteer fire department and any volunteer ambulance
7 company;

8 Sec. 2. Section 31-369 of the general statutes is repealed and the
9 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

10 (a) This chapter applies to all employers, employees and places of
11 employment in the state except the following: (1) Employees of the
12 United States government; [and] (2) working conditions of employees

13 over which federal agencies other than the United States Department
14 of Labor exercise statutory authority to prescribe or enforce standards
15 or regulations affecting occupational safety and health; and (3) any
16 volunteer fire department or volunteer ambulance company that can
17 demonstrate such department or company is regulated by the
18 Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 15 USC 651 et seq.

19 (b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to supersede or in any
20 manner affect any workers' compensation law or to enlarge, diminish
21 or affect in any manner common law or statutory rights, duties or
22 liabilities of employers or employees, under any law with respect to
23 injuries, diseases or death of employees arising out of and in the course
24 of employment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	31-367(d)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	31-369

Statement of Purpose:

To add volunteer fire departments and ambulance companies to the definition of "employer" under the state Occupational Safety and Health Act.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]