



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6792

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND
AMBULANCE COMPANIES AND 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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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 Section 31-369 of the general statutes is repealed and the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.

25 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 31-382 of the general statutes is
26 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
27 *October 1, 2015*):

28 (c) Any employer who has received a citation for a violation of the
29 requirements of sections 31-369, as amended by this act, and 31-370, of
30 any standard or order promulgated pursuant to section 31-372, or of
31 regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter, which violation is
32 specifically determined not to be of a serious nature, shall, for the first
33 such violation, be issued a written warning and, for any subsequent
34 violation, may be assessed a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars
35 for each such violation.

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
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	31-382(c)

LAB *Joint Favorable Subst.*