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LCO No. 3665



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE
FOR DISPATCHERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 31-275 of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

4 (A) (i) For a police officer, [or] firefighter or telecommunicator, as
5 defined in section 28-30, "in the course of his employment" encompasses
6 such individual's departure from such individual's place of abode to
7 duty, such individual's duty, and the return to such individual's place
8 of abode after duty;

9 (ii) For an employee of the Department of Correction, (I) when
10 responding to a direct order to appear at his or her work assignment
11 under circumstances in which nonessential employees are excused from
12 working, or (II) following two or more mandatory overtime work shifts
13 on consecutive days, "in the course of his employment" encompasses
14 such individual's departure from such individual's place of abode
15 directly to duty, such individual's duty, and the return directly to such

16 individual's place of abode after duty;

17 (iii) Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses (i) and (ii) of this
18 subparagraph, the dependents of any deceased employee of the
19 Department of Correction who was injured in the course of his
20 employment, as defined in this subparagraph, on or after July 1, 2000,
21 and who died not later than July 15, 2000, shall be paid compensation
22 on account of the death, in accordance with the provisions of section 31-
23 306, retroactively to the date of the employee's death. The cost of the
24 payment shall be paid by the employer or its insurance carrier which
25 shall be reimbursed for such cost from the Second Injury Fund as
26 provided in section 31-354 upon presentation of any vouchers and
27 information that the Treasurer may require;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	31-275(1)(A)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide dispatchers with portal-to-portal workers' compensation coverage.

[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.]