



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6721**

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND PORTAL-TO-PORTAL COVERAGE FOR TELECOMMUNICATORS.**

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  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

4 (A) (i) For a police officer, [or] firefighter or a telecommunicator, as  
5 defined in section 28-30, "in the course of his employment"  
6 encompasses such individual's departure from such individual's place  
7 of abode to duty, such individual's duty, and the return to such  
8 individual's place 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  
12 from working, or (II) following two or more mandatory overtime work  
13 shifts on consecutive days, "in the course of his employment"  
14 encompasses such individual's departure from such individual's place  
15 of abode directly to duty, such individual's duty, and the return  
16 directly to such 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  
23 31-306, 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:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	31-275(1)(A)
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**LAB**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*