



**An Act Concerning Stress-Related Benefits For Police Officers.**

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

1       Subdivision (16) of section 31-275 of the general statutes is repealed  
2       and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3       (16) (A) "Personal injury" or "injury" includes, in addition to  
4       accidental injury which may be definitely located as to the time when  
5       and the place where the accident occurred, an injury to an employee  
6       [which] that is causally connected with [his] the employee's  
7       employment and is the direct result of repetitive trauma or repetitive  
8       acts incident to such employment, and occupational disease.

9       (B) "Personal injury" or "injury" shall not be construed to include:

10       (i) An injury to an employee [which] that results from [his] the  
11       employee's voluntary participation in any activity the major purpose  
12       of which is social or recreational, including, but not limited to, athletic  
13       events, parties and picnics, whether or not the employer pays some or  
14       all of the cost of such activity;

15       (ii) A mental or emotional impairment, unless such impairment  
16       arises from a physical injury or occupational disease or, in the case of a  
17       police officer, unless such impairment arises from such police officer's  
18       use of deadly physical force or subjection to deadly physical force in  
19       the line of duty, regardless of whether such police officer is physically

20 injured, provided, if such impairment arises from such police officer's  
21 subjection to deadly physical force, such police officer was in a location  
22 where such police officer reasonably believed himself or herself to be  
23 at risk of being physically injured by another person's use of deadly  
24 physical force; or

25 (iii) A mental or emotional impairment [which] that results from a  
26 personnel action, including, but not limited to, a transfer, promotion,  
27 demotion or termination. [; or]

28 [(iv)] (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of [clause (i) of this]  
29 subparagraph (B) (i) of this subdivision, "personal injury" or "injury"  
30 includes injuries to employees of local or regional boards of education  
31 resulting from participation in a school-sponsored activity but does not  
32 include any injury incurred while going to or from such activity. As  
33 used in this clause, "school-sponsored activity" means any activity  
34 sponsored, recognized or authorized by a board of education and  
35 includes activities conducted on or off school property and  
36 "participation" means acting as a chaperone, advisor, supervisor or  
37 instructor at the request of an administrator with supervisory  
38 authority over the employee.

39 (D) For purposes of subparagraph (B) (ii) of this subdivision, "police  
40 officer" means a member of the Division of State Police within the  
41 Department of Public Safety or an organized local police department, a  
42 chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, a  
43 special deputy sheriff, a conservation officer or special conservation  
44 officer, as defined in section 26-5, an appointed constable who  
45 performs criminal law enforcement duties, a special policeman  
46 appointed under section 29-18, 29-18a or 29-19, an adult probation  
47 officer appointed under section 54-104, an official of the Department of  
48 Correction authorized by the Commissioner of Correction to make  
49 arrests in a correctional institution or facility; and "in the line of duty"  
50 means any action that a police officer is obligated or authorized by  
51 law, rule, regulation or written condition of employment service to  
52 perform, or for which the police officer is compensated by the public

53 entity such officer serves.

**JUD Committee Vote:** Yea 37 Nay 3 JFS