



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1007***

LCO No. 3108

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE  
BENEFITS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.***

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

1 Subsection (a) of section 31-284b of the general statutes is repealed  
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) In order to maintain, as nearly as possible, the income of  
4 employees who suffer employment-related injuries, any employer who  
5 provides accident and health insurance or life insurance coverage for  
6 any employee or makes payments or contributions at the regular  
7 hourly or weekly rate for full-time employees to an employee welfare  
8 plan, shall provide to the employee equivalent insurance coverage or  
9 welfare plan payments or contributions while the employee is eligible  
10 to receive or is receiving compensation or pharmaceutical, medical,  
11 surgical or hospital care pursuant to this chapter, or while the  
12 employee is receiving wages under a provision for sick leave payments  
13 for time lost due to an employment-related injury. As used in this  
14 section, "income" means all forms of remuneration to an individual  
15 from [his] employment, including wages, accident and health  
16 insurance coverage, life insurance coverage and employee welfare plan

17 contributions and "employee welfare plan" means any plan established  
18 or maintained for employees or their families or dependents, or for  
19 both, for medical, surgical or hospital care benefits.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To ensure that employers continue to provide health insurance coverage to each injured employee for as long as the injured employee is entitled to receive or is receiving pharmaceutical, medical, surgical or hospital care pursuant to the Workers' Compensation 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.]*