



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 591**

LCO No. 2551

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR OFF-DUTY  
STATE POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES  
PERSONNEL.**

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2 the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the  
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

4 (A) (i) For a police officer or firefighter, "in the course of his  
5 employment" encompasses such individual's departure from such  
6 individual's place of abode to duty, such individual's duty, and the  
7 return to such individual's place of abode after duty, and for a state  
8 police officer, state firefighter or an individual employed by the state  
9 as an emergency medical services provider, "in the course of his  
10 employment" encompasses such individual's response to an off-duty  
11 emergency;

12 (ii) For an employee of the Department of Correction, (I) when  
13 responding to a direct order to appear at his or her work assignment  
14 under circumstances in which nonessential employees are excused

15 from working, or (II) following two or more mandatory overtime work  
16 shifts on consecutive days, "in the course of his employment"  
17 encompasses such individual's departure from such individual's place  
18 of abode directly to duty, such individual's duty, and the return  
19 directly to such individual's place of abode after duty;

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	31-275(1)(A)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow state employed police officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to receive workers' compensation for injuries sustained while responding to off-duty emergencies.

*[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.]*