



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6959**

LCO No. 3497

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
REHABILITATION COUNSELORS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 31-283a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2007*):

4 (a) The Workers' Compensation Commission shall provide  
5 rehabilitation programs for employees suffering compensable injuries  
6 within the provisions of this chapter, which injuries disabled them  
7 from performing their customary or most recent work. The chairman  
8 of the Workers' Compensation Commission shall establish  
9 rehabilitation programs which shall best suit the needs of injured  
10 employees and shall make the programs available in convenient  
11 locations throughout the state, except that at least one rehabilitation  
12 counselor shall be available in each workers' compensation district  
13 established by the chairman. After consultation with the Labor  
14 Commissioner, the chairman may establish fees for the programs, so as  
15 to provide the most effective rehabilitation programs at a minimum  
16 rate. In order to carry out the provisions of this section, the chairman

17 of the Workers' Compensation Commission shall adopt regulations, in  
18 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 and, subject to the  
19 provisions of chapter 67, provide for the employment of necessary  
20 assistants.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                 |            |
| Section 1   | October 1, 2007 | 31-283a(a) |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To assist injured workers in getting back to work by making rehabilitation counselors available throughout the state.

*[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.]*