



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1037**

January Session, 2007

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**AN ACT CONCERNING UNREASONABLE DELAYS OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 31-288 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2007*):

4 (b) (1) Whenever [(1)] through the fault or neglect of an employer or  
5 insurer, the adjustment or payment of compensation due under this  
6 chapter is unduly delayed [, or (2)] ten or more business days, such  
7 employer or insurer shall be assessed by the commissioner hearing the  
8 claim a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for each  
9 such case of delay, to be paid to the claimant. (2) Whenever either  
10 party to a claim under this chapter has unreasonably, and without  
11 good cause, delayed the completion of the hearings on such claim, the  
12 delaying party or parties may be assessed a civil penalty of not more  
13 than five hundred dollars by the commissioner hearing the claim for  
14 each such case of delay. Any appeal of a penalty assessed pursuant to  
15 this subsection shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of  
16 section 31-301.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	31-288(b)
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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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