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**"AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION TO INJURED  
EMPLOYEES OF THE DISCONTINUATION OR REDUCTION OF  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS."**

1 In line 25, after "employer" insert "or the employer's insurer"

2 In line 88, strike "20" and substitute "15" in lieu thereof

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 31-288 of the general statutes is  
6 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
7 *October 1, 2007*):

8 (b) (1) Whenever ~~[(1)]~~ through the fault or neglect of an employer or  
9 insurer, the adjustment or payment of compensation due under this  
10 chapter is unduly delayed, ~~[or (2)]~~ such employer or insurer may be  
11 assessed by the commissioner hearing the claim a civil penalty of not  
12 more than one thousand dollars for each such case of delay, to be paid  
13 to the claimant. (2) Whenever either party to a claim under this chapter

14 has unreasonably, and without good cause, delayed the completion of  
15 the hearings on such claim, the delaying party or parties may be  
16 assessed a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars by the  
17 commissioner hearing the claim for each such case of delay. Any  
18 appeal of a penalty assessed pursuant to this subsection shall be taken  
19 in accordance with the provisions of section 31-301."