

Statement

Insurance Association of Connecticut

Labor and Public Employees Committee

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SB 925, An Act Concerning Workers' Compensation Coverage For Firefighters And Police Officers

The Insurance Association of Connecticut (IAC) opposes SB 925, An Act Concerning Workers' Compensation Coverage For Firefighters And Police Officers, which would extend the presumption that any condition or impairment of health caused by a cardiac emergency for a municipal firefighter or police officer was suffered in the line of duty if it occurs up to 72 hours from the date of work-related duty or training.

Such a change would, by establishing such 72 hour period, increase the potential that the injury to which the presumption is granted was not actually connected to work-related activities. SB 925 would establish an unfair standard and burden on municipal employers relative to the determination of liability under the Workers' Compensation Act.