



JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

HB 5364 "An Act Concerning the Filing of Workers' Compensation Claims When a Municipality is the Employer"

The bill would establish that the Town Clerk be the person to whom a municipal employee must file a Worker's Compensation Form 30C or Form 30D.

CCM supports the bill as it would streamline the process and reduce the possibility that these forms not be acted upon within the specific timeframe required. Currently, the forms have the possibility to be sent to anyone within the municipality. This bill would therefore eliminate any ambiguity.

When either a Form 30C or Form 30D is filed, the municipality (or any employer) has the opportunity to deny or accept the claim within only 28 days. An employer's failure to act would assume responsibility for the claim. Denying a claim does not insinuate that the municipality outright denies the claim, but rather gives the municipality the necessary time to properly investigate the claim – which can often not be determined within 28 days.

This bill would often align with provisions for state employees filing similar claims with the State, as they have central mechanism to serve notice.

CCM asks the Committee to *favorably report* on HB 5364.

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