



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5247

LCO No. 1170



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND
AMBULANCE COMPANIES AND THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER
UNDER THE STATE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 31-367 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (d) "Employer" means the state and any political subdivision thereof
5 and, except as provided in section 31-369, as amended by this act, any
6 volunteer fire department and any volunteer ambulance company;

7 Sec. 2. Section 31-369 of the general statutes is repealed and the
8 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

9 (a) This chapter applies to all employers, employees and places of
10 employment in the state except the following: (1) Employees of the
11 United States government; [and] (2) working conditions of employees
12 over which federal agencies other than the United States Department of
13 Labor exercise statutory authority to prescribe or enforce standards or

14 regulations affecting occupational safety and health; and (3) any
15 volunteer fire department or volunteer ambulance company that is able
16 to demonstrate such department or company is regulated by the
17 Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 USC 651 et seq., as
18 amended from time to time.

19 (b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to supersede or in any
20 manner affect any workers' compensation law or to enlarge, diminish or
21 affect in any manner common law or statutory rights, duties or liabilities
22 of employers or employees, under any law with respect to injuries,
23 diseases or death of employees arising out of and in the course of
24 employment.

25 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 31-382 of the general statutes is
26 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
27 *passage*):

28 (c) Any employer who has received a citation for a violation of the
29 requirements of sections 31-369, as amended by this act, and 31-370, of
30 any standard or order promulgated pursuant to section 31-372, or of
31 regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter, which violation is
32 specifically determined not to be of a serious nature, may be assessed a
33 civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars for each such violation,
34 except any volunteer fire department and any volunteer ambulance
35 company shall, for the first such violation, only be issued a written
36 warning.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	31-367(d)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	31-369
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	31-382(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To allow volunteer fire departments and volunteer ambulance companies to be under CONN-OSHA jurisdiction.

[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.]