

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 6860**

January Session, 2023

LCO No. 6127

**AN ACT EXTENDING CONNECTICUT PREMIUM PAY TO CERTAIN  
ESSENTIAL WORKERS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 31-901 of the general  
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

4 (a) As used in this section:

5 (1) "Eligible applicant" means any person who (A) (i) worked during  
6 the entire period of the public health and civil preparedness emergency  
7 declared by the Governor on March 10, 2020, or any extension of such  
8 declaration, up until May 7, 2022, and (ii) was in a category  
9 recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's  
10 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, as of February 20,  
11 2021, to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in phase 1a, [or] 1b or 1c of the  
12 COVID-19 vaccination program, (B) is not a federal, state or municipal  
13 employee, (C) was not employed in a capacity where the employee  
14 worked or could have worked from home, and (D) meets the income  
15 criteria established in subsection (b) of this section;

16 (2) "Administrator" means an employee of the office of the  
17 Comptroller, or a third-party administrator;

18 (3) "Full-time" means any eligible applicant who worked thirty hours  
19 or more per week;

20 (4) "Part-time" means any eligible applicant who worked less than  
21 thirty hours per week; [and]

22 (5) "Premium pay" means moneys payable by the Comptroller from  
23 the Connecticut Premium Pay program, established pursuant to  
24 subsection (b) of this section, to recognize and compensate eligible  
25 applicants for their service pursuant to this section; and

26 (6) "1c applicant" means any person who (A) (i) worked during the  
27 entire period of the public health and civil preparedness emergency  
28 declared by the Governor on March 10, 2020, or any extension of such  
29 declaration, up until May 7, 2022, and (ii) was in a category  
30 recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's  
31 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, as of February 20,  
32 2021, to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in phase 1c of the COVID-19  
33 program, (B) is not a federal, state or municipal employee, (C) was not  
34 employed in a capacity where the employee worked or could have  
35 worked from home, and (D) meets the income criteria established in  
36 subsection (b) of this section.

37 (b) (1) There is established the Connecticut Premium Pay program.  
38 The program shall provide payment to each full-time eligible applicant  
39 that applied prior to or on October 1, 2022, according to the following  
40 formula: (A) One thousand dollars to each worker whose individual  
41 income was less than fifty thousand dollars; (B) eight hundred dollars  
42 to each worker whose individual income was greater than or equal to  
43 fifty thousand dollars and less than sixty thousand dollars; (C) seven  
44 hundred fifty dollars to each worker whose individual income was  
45 greater than or equal to sixty thousand dollars and less than seventy  
46 thousand dollars; (D) five hundred dollars to each worker whose  
47 individual income was greater than or equal to seventy thousand  
48 dollars and less than eighty thousand dollars; (E) two hundred fifty  
49 dollars to each worker whose individual income was greater than or  
50 equal to eighty thousand dollars and less than ninety thousand dollars;  
51 (F) two hundred dollars to each worker whose individual income was

52 greater than or equal to ninety thousand dollars and less than one  
53 hundred thousand dollars; and (G) one hundred dollars to each worker  
54 whose individual income was greater than or equal to one hundred  
55 thousand dollars and less than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.  
56 No payment shall be made to any full-time eligible applicant whose  
57 income is one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more. The program  
58 shall provide two hundred dollars to each part-time eligible applicant.  
59 No assistance shall be paid to any eligible applicant after June 30, [2024]  
60 2025. The program shall be administered by the office of the  
61 Comptroller, or a third party under contract with said office to act as an  
62 administrator.

63 (2) The administrator shall accept applications for assistance on and  
64 after May 7, 2022. For the purposes of this section, the administrator  
65 shall be authorized to: (A) Determine whether an eligible applicant  
66 meets the requirements for eligibility for compensation under this  
67 section; (B) summon and examine under oath such witnesses who may  
68 provide information relevant to the eligibility of an eligible applicant;  
69 (C) direct the production of, and examine or cause to be produced or  
70 examined, such books, records, vouchers, memoranda, documents,  
71 letters, contracts or other papers in relation to any matter at issue as the  
72 administrator may find proper; and (D) take or cause to be taken  
73 affidavits or depositions within or without the state.

74 Sec. 2. Section 31-901 of the general statutes is amended by adding  
75 subsection (l) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

76 (NEW) (l) On and after July 1, 2023, a 1c applicant shall be deemed an  
77 eligible applicant and may apply for compensation from the  
78 Connecticut Premium Pay program by submitting a claim to the  
79 administrator, in such form and manner as required by the  
80 administrator, not later than December 1, 2023. Any such claim shall  
81 include: (1) Proof of employment as an eligible applicant from March  
82 10, 2020, to May 7, 2022, as determined by the 1c applicant's proof of  
83 earnings; and (2) any additional information as requested or required

84 by the administrator. A 1c applicant may submit, as proof of  
85 employment, official payroll records or another form of proof,  
86 including, but not limited to, a letter from an employer stating the 1c  
87 applicant's dates of work, or a declaration from an individual with  
88 personal knowledge of the 1c applicant's employment. Each 1c  
89 applicant shall be eligible for payment in accordance with the formula  
90 established for payment to eligible applicants in subsection (b) of this  
91 section.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |  |  |
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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2023</i> | 31-901(a) and (b) |
| Sec. 2    | <i>July 1, 2023</i> | 31-901(l)         |