



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6721**

LCO No. 3991



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS COMPENSATION AND PORTAL-TO-PORTAL COVERAGE FOR TELECOMMUNICATORS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 31-275 of the  
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

4 (A) (i) For a police officer or firefighter, "in the course of his  
5 employment" encompasses such individual's departure from such  
6 individual's place of abode to duty, such individual's duty, and the  
7 return to such individual's place of abode after duty;

8 (ii) For an employee of the Department of Correction or a  
9 telecommunicator, as defined in section 28-30, (I) when responding to a  
10 direct order to appear at his or her work assignment under  
11 circumstances in which nonessential employees are excused from  
12 working, or (II) following two or more mandatory overtime work shifts  
13 on consecutive days, "in the course of his employment" encompasses  
14 such individual's departure from such individual's place of abode  
15 directly to duty, such individual's duty, and the return directly to such

16 individual's place of abode after duty;

17 (iii) Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses (i) and (ii) of this  
18 subparagraph, the dependents of any deceased employee of the  
19 Department of Correction who was injured in the course of his  
20 employment, as defined in this subparagraph, on or after July 1, 2000,  
21 and who died not later than July 15, 2000, shall be paid compensation  
22 on account of the death, in accordance with the provisions of section 31-  
23 306, retroactively to the date of the employee's death. The cost of the  
24 payment shall be paid by the employer or its insurance carrier which  
25 shall be reimbursed for such cost from the Second Injury Fund as  
26 provided in section 31-354 upon presentation of any vouchers and  
27 information that the Treasurer may require;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	31-275(1)(A)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide emergency dispatchers with portal-to-portal workers' compensation coverage.

*[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.]*