



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5274**

February Session, 2026



**AN ACT CONCERNING STATE MARSHALS ELIGIBILITY FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION WHILE PERFORMING DUTIES ON BEHALF OF THE STATE AND ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH INSURANCE WHILE OUT ON CERTAIN LEAVE.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 5-142a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 Any [high sheriff, chief deputy sheriff, deputy sheriff or special  
4 deputy sheriff] state marshal who suffers death, disability or injury,  
5 while in performance of any duty for which he is compensated by the  
6 state, shall, for the purposes of section 5-142 and chapter 568, be  
7 presumed to be an employee of the state and shall be compensated by  
8 the state in accordance with said section and chapter.

9 Sec. 2. Section 31-310a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
10 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

11 (a) For purposes of compensation the average weekly wage of a  
12 supernumerary policeman or state marshal shall be construed to be the  
13 average weekly earnings of production and related workers in  
14 manufacturing in the state as determined by the Labor Commissioner in  
15 accordance with the provisions of section 31-309.

16 (b) For the purposes of this section, compensation shall not be  
17 prorated because of other employment by a supernumerary policeman  
18 or state marshal.

19 (c) For the purpose of determining compensation payable under this  
20 chapter for death, disability or injury incurred by volunteer police  
21 officers, the average weekly wage of such officers shall be the average  
22 production wage in the state as determined by the Labor Commissioner  
23 under the provisions of section 31-309.

24 Sec. 3. Subsection (l) of section 5-259 of the 2026 supplement to the  
25 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
26 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

27 (l) (1) Effective July 1, 1996, any deputies or special deputies  
28 appointed pursuant to section 6-37 of the general statutes, revision of  
29 1958, revised to 1999, or section 6-43, shall be allowed to participate in  
30 the plan or plans procured by the Comptroller pursuant to subsection  
31 (a) of this section. Such participation shall be voluntary and the  
32 participant shall pay the full cost of the coverage under such plan.

33 (2) (A) Effective October 1, 2025, any state marshal who works as a  
34 state marshal for fewer than twenty hours per week, on average, shall  
35 be allowed to participate in the plan or plans procured by the  
36 Comptroller pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such  
37 participation shall be voluntary and the participant shall pay the full  
38 cost of the coverage under such plan.

39 (B) Effective October 1, 2025, any state marshal who (i) works as a  
40 state marshal at least twenty hours per week, on average, on a quarterly  
41 basis, (ii) is actively engaged in either (I) service of process under a  
42 waiver of fees issued pursuant to section 52-259b, (II) service of process  
43 of orders of protection issued pursuant to section 46b-15 or 46b-16a, or  
44 (III) service of capias mittimus orders issued by a family support  
45 magistrate pursuant to section 46b-231, (iii) certifies to those facts in  
46 clauses (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph on forms provided by and filed  
47 with the State Marshal Commission on or before the fifteenth day of

48 April, July, October and January for the preceding calendar quarter, and  
49 (iv) does not have access to coverage under a health benefit plan that is  
50 available (I) through the employer of such state marshal's spouse,  
51 provided such health benefit plan has an actuarial value that is  
52 equivalent to or greater than the actuarial value of the plan or plans  
53 procured by the Comptroller pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
54 and provides similar access to in-network providers as such plan or  
55 plans procured by the Comptroller and is available at an employee  
56 premium share, with respect to each class of coverage, that is not greater  
57 than the premium shares applicable to active state employees in  
58 accordance with the provisions of the State Employees Bargaining  
59 Agent Coalition agreement, or (II) through the municipal employees'  
60 retirement system established by part II of chapter 113 shall be allowed  
61 to participate in the plan or plans procured by the Comptroller pursuant  
62 to subsection (a) of this section. Such participation shall be voluntary  
63 and the participant shall pay the same amount for the coverage under  
64 such plan under the same terms and conditions as active state  
65 employees in accordance with the provisions of the State Employees  
66 Bargaining Agent Coalition agreement.

67 (C) Any calendar quarter in which a state marshal has been approved  
68 for or received benefits pursuant to chapter 568 or section 5-142 or 31-  
69 49g, such state marshal shall, in a form and manner prescribed by the  
70 State Marshal Commission, submit proof of approval or receipt of such  
71 benefits on or before the fifteenth day of April, July, October and  
72 January. The Comptroller shall accept such proof as compliance with  
73 subparagraphs (B)(i) and (B)(ii).

74 (3) Effective December 1, 2000, any judicial marshal shall be allowed  
75 to participate in the plan or plans procured by the Comptroller pursuant  
76 to subsection (a) of this section. Such participation shall be voluntary  
77 and the participant shall pay the full cost of the coverage under such  
78 plan unless and until the judicial marshals participate in the plan or  
79 plans procured by the Comptroller under this section through collective  
80 bargaining negotiations pursuant to subsection (f) of section 5-278.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	5-142a
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	31-310a
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	5-259(1)

**LAB**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*