



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS'
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO
STATUTES CONCERNING LABOR.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 7-313p of the
2 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (5) "State employer" means the state of Connecticut, including any
5 agency or department of the state, any board of trustees of a state-owned
6 or supported college or university and branches thereof, the
7 Connecticut Airport Authority, the Tweed-New Haven Airport
8 Authority and any entity that contracts with the Tweed-New Haven
9 Airport Authority; and

10 Sec. 2. Section 7-313g of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
11 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
12 *passage*):

13 For purposes of this section and sections 3-123, 7-313h to 7-313k
14 inclusive, and 29-303, "firefighter" shall include any (1) local fire
15 marshal, deputy fire marshal, fire investigator, fire inspector and such
16 other classes of inspectors and investigators for whom the State Fire
17 Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee, acting jointly, have
18 adopted minimum standards of qualification pursuant to section 29-298;
19 and (2) uniformed member of a paid municipal, state or volunteer fire
20 department or of the Connecticut Airport Authority, the Tweed-New
21 Haven Airport Authority and any entity that contracts with the Tweed-
22 New Haven Airport Authority.

23 Sec. 3. Subdivision (3) of subsection (h) of section 31-225a of the 2026
24 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
25 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

26 (3) The statement of charges provided for in subdivision (2) of this
27 subsection shall constitute notice to the employer that it has been
28 determined that the benefits reported in such statement were properly
29 payable under this chapter to the claimants for the weeks and in the
30 amounts shown in such statements. If the employer contends that
31 benefits have been improperly charged due to fraud or error, a written
32 protest setting forth reasons therefor shall be filed with the
33 administrator not later than forty days [of] after the date the quarterly
34 statement was provided. An eligibility issue shall not be reopened on
35 the basis of such quarterly statement if notification of such eligibility
36 issue had previously been given to the employer under the provisions
37 of section 31-241, and he or she failed to file a timely appeal therefrom
38 or had the issue finally resolved against him or her.

39 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 31-40cc of the 2026 supplement to the
40 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
41 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

42 (a) Each physician, physician assistant or advanced practice
43 registered nurse having knowledge of any person whom such
44 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse

45 suspects is suffering from an illness related to the exposure of lead,
46 phosphorus, arsenic, brass, wood alcohol or mercury or their
47 compounds, anthrax or compressed air, or any other disease contracted
48 as a result of the nature of the occupation of such person, shall, not later
49 than forty-eight hours [of] after discovery of such suspected
50 occupational disease, provide the Labor Department, in a form and
51 manner prescribed by the department, a report stating (1) the name,
52 address and occupation of such person, (2) the name, address and
53 business of such person's employer, (3) the nature of the disease, and (4)
54 any other information required by the department. Any physician,
55 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse who fails to
56 provide the report required pursuant to this section or who fails to send
57 such report within the time period prescribed by this section may be
58 assessed a civil penalty of not more than ten dollars by the Labor
59 Commissioner. No report made pursuant to the provisions of this
60 section shall be admissible as evidence in any civil action or for a
61 workers' compensation claim under chapter 568.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 7-313p(a)(5) |
| Sec. 2 | <i>from passage</i> | 7-313g |
| Sec. 3 | <i>from passage</i> | 31-225a(h)(3) |
| Sec. 4 | <i>from passage</i> | 31-40cc(a) |

LAB *Joint Favorable*