



House Bill No. 5383

Public Act No. 26-34

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:

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 Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 7-313p of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

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 Section 7-313g of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

For purposes of this section and sections 3-123, 7-313h to 7-313k inclusive, and 29-303, "firefighter" shall include any (1) local fire marshal, deputy fire marshal, fire investigator, fire inspector and such other classes of inspectors and investigators for whom the State Fire

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Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee, acting jointly, have adopted minimum standards of qualification pursuant to section 29-298; and (2) uniformed member of a paid municipal, state or volunteer fire department or of the Connecticut Airport Authority, the Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority and any entity that contracts with the Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority.

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 Subdivision (3) of subsection (h) of section 31-225a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

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

(a) Each physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse having knowledge of any person whom such physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse suspects is suffering from an illness related to the exposure of lead, phosphorus, arsenic, brass, wood alcohol or mercury or their

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compounds, anthrax or compressed air, or any other disease contracted as a result of the nature of the occupation of such person, shall, not later than forty-eight hours [of] after discovery of such suspected occupational disease, provide the Labor Department, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, a report stating (1) the name, address and occupation of such person, (2) the name, address and business of such person's employer, (3) the nature of the disease, and (4) any other information required by the department. Any physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse who fails to provide the report required pursuant to this section or who fails to send such report within the time period prescribed by this section may be assessed a civil penalty of not more than ten dollars by the Labor Commissioner. No report made pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be admissible as evidence in any civil action or for a workers' compensation claim under chapter 568.

Governor's Action:

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