



**Substitute House Bill No. 6721**

**Public Act No. 23-80**

**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:

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 Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 31-275 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

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

(ii) For an employee of the Department of Correction, (I) when responding to a direct order to appear at [his or her work] such employee's assignment under circumstances in which nonessential employees are excused from working, or (II) following two or more mandatory overtime work shifts on consecutive days, "in the course of his employment" encompasses such individual's departure from such individual's place of abode directly to duty, such individual's duty, and the return directly to such individual's place of abode after duty;

(iii) For a telecommunicator, as defined in section 28-30, (I) when a telecommunicator is subject to emergency calls while off duty by the

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terms of such telecommunicator's employment, (II) when responding to a direct order to appear at such telecommunicator's work assignment under circumstances in which nonessential employees are excused from working, or (III) following two or more mandatory overtime work shifts on consecutive days, "in the course of his employment" encompasses such individual's departure from such individual's place of abode directly to duty, such individual's duty, and the return directly to such individual's place of abode after duty;

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