



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 407

LCO No. 2523



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

***AN ACT GRANTING VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS
ACCESS TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (9) of section 31-275 of the
2 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

4 (9) (A) "Employee" means any person who:

5 (i) Has entered into or works under any contract of service or
6 apprenticeship with an employer, whether the contract contemplated
7 the performance of duties within or without the state;

8 (ii) Is a sole proprietor or business partner who accepts the provisions
9 of this chapter in accordance with subdivision (10) of this section;

10 (iii) Is elected to serve as a member of the General Assembly of this
11 state;

12 (iv) Is a salaried officer or paid member of any police department or
13 fire department;

14 (v) Is a volunteer police officer, whether the officer is designated as
15 special or auxiliary, upon vote of the legislative body of the town, city
16 or borough in which the officer serves;

17 (vi) Is an elected or appointed official or agent of any town, city or
18 borough in the state, upon vote of the proper authority of the town, city
19 or borough, including the elected or appointed official or agent,
20 irrespective of the manner in which he or she is appointed or employed.
21 Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as affecting any existing
22 rights as to pensions which such persons or their dependents had on
23 July 1, 1927, or as preventing any existing custom of paying the full
24 salary of any such person during disability due to injury arising out of
25 and in the course of his or her employment;

26 (vii) Is a member of the armed forces of the state while in the
27 performance of military duty, whether paid or unpaid for such military
28 duty, in accordance with the provisions of section 27-17, 27-18 or 27-61;
29 [or]

30 (viii) Is elected to serve as a probate judge for a probate district
31 established in section 45a-2; or

32 (vix) Is a student of a regional agricultural science and technology
33 education center who is enrolled in (I) a public work-study program as
34 defined and approved by the Commissioner of Education and the Labor
35 Commissioner or a program established pursuant to section 10-20a, or
36 (II) an internship, as defined in section 31-23.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2024	31-275(9)(A)

Statement of Purpose:

To add vocational agricultural students enrolled in an internship to the definition of "employee" for purposes of the Workers' Compensation Act.

[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.]