THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 292

Session of 2007

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 22, 2007

AN ACT

- Amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), entitled, as 2 reenacted and amended, "An act defining the liability of an 3 employer to pay damages for injuries received by an employe in the course of employment; establishing an elective schedule of compensation; providing procedure for the determination of liability and compensation thereunder; and 7 prescribing penalties, "further defining "employe." The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. Section 601(a) of the act of June 2, 1915
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- (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, 11
- 12 reenacted and amended June 21, 1939 (P.L.520, No.281), is
- amended by adding a clause to read: 13
- 14 Section 601. (a) In addition to those persons included
- 15 within the definition of the word "employe" as defined in
- section 104, "employe" shall also include: 16
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- 1 (11) Citizens INDIVIDUALS who:

 2 (i) have completed the Community Emergency Response Team

 3 program as outlined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency;
- 4 (ii) are authorized in writing by a county or municipality
- 5 <u>to assist first responders in disaster assistance; and</u> <--
- 6 (iii) are acting voluntarily in the capacity of assisting
- 7 <u>first responders in disaster assistance.</u> AN EMERGENCY OR MAJOR <--
- 8 <u>DISASTER AS DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR</u>
- 9 THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH; AND
- 10 (IV) ARE PROPERLY DISPATCHED BY THE MUNICIPALITY TO BE
- 11 <u>ACTING IN CAPACITY OF ASSISTING FIRST RESPONDERS.</u>
- 12 <u>Citizens INDIVIDUALS who qualify under this clause are</u>
- 13 <u>considered employes of the county or municipality which issues</u> <---
- 14 the written authorization under subclause (ii). OF THE
- 15 <u>COMMONWEALTH FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT.</u>
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- 17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.