

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 1905 Session of  
2005

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YOUNGBLOOD, JULY 28, 2005

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 12, 2006

## AN ACT

1 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  
4 in the course of employment; establishing an elective  
5 schedule of compensation; providing procedure for the  
6 determination of liability and compensation thereunder; and  
7 prescribing penalties," further defining "employe."

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 601(a) of the act of June 2, 1915  
11 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act,  
12 reenacted and amended June 21, 1939 (P.L.520, No.281), is  
13 amended by adding a clause to read:

14 Section 601. (a) In addition to those persons included  
15 within the definition of the word "employe" as defined in  
16 section 104, "employe" shall also include:

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1     ~~(11) Members of community emergency response teams who are~~     <—  
2     ~~certified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.~~

3     (11) CITIZENS WHO:     <—

4     (I) HAVE COMPLETED THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM  
5     PROGRAM AS OUTLINED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY;

6     (II) ARE AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY  
7     TO ASSIST FIRST RESPONDERS IN DISASTER ASSISTANCE; AND

8     (III) ARE ACTING VOLUNTARILY IN THE CAPACITY OF ASSISTING  
9     FIRST RESPONDERS IN DISASTER ASSISTANCE.

10    CITIZENS WHO QUALIFY UNDER THIS CLAUSE ARE CONSIDERED EMPLOYES  
11    OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY WHICH ISSUES THE WRITTEN  
12    AUTHORIZATION UNDER SUBCLAUSE (II).

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14       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.