

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 292 Session of  
2007

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WATSON AND YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

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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18 (11) Citizens who:

1     (i) have completed the Community Emergency Response Team  
2 program as outlined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency;  
3     (ii) are authorized in writing by a county or municipality  
4 to assist first responders in disaster assistance; and  
5     (iii) are acting voluntarily in the capacity of assisting  
6 first responders in disaster assistance.  
7 Citizens who qualify under this clause are considered employes  
8 of the county or municipality which issues the written  
9 authorization under subclause (ii).

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