
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 664 Session of
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TALLMAN, J. TAYLOR AND YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 27, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, FEBRUARY 27, 2009

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 (P.L.
11 736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, reenacted
12 and amended June 21, 1939 (P.L.520, No.281), is amended by
13 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) Individuals 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;
5 (iii) are acting voluntarily in the capacity of assisting
6 first responders in an emergency or disaster;
7 (iv) are properly dispatched by the municipality or county
8 to be acting in capacity of assisting first responders;
9 (v) are injured while actively engaged in assisting first
10 responders or going to or from the emergency or disaster; and
11 (vi) have written acknowledgments, in advance of injury,
12 from the county or municipality stating that the county or
13 municipality opts to cover the individuals under this act and
14 assumes liability for the individuals.

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