



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6408

LCO No. 6161



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

***AN ACT EXPANDING COMPENSATION TO DEPENDENTS FOR A
DEATH RESULTING FROM AN ACCIDENT.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 31-306 of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

4 (6) In all cases where there are no presumptive dependents, but
5 where there are (A) one or more persons wholly dependent in fact, the
6 compensation in case of death shall be divided according to the relative
7 degree of their dependence, or (B) next of kin of the deceased employee,
8 the compensation shall be divided equally among the next of kin of the
9 deceased employee. Compensation payable under this subdivision shall
10 be paid for not more than three hundred and twelve weeks from the
11 date of the death of the employee. The compensation, if paid to those
12 wholly dependent in fact, shall be paid at the full compensation rate.
13 The compensation, if paid to those partially dependent in fact upon the
14 deceased employee as of the date of the injury, shall not, in total, be more
15 than the full compensation rate nor less than twenty dollars weekly, nor,
16 if the average weekly sum contributed by the deceased at the date of the

17 injury to those partially dependent in fact is more than twenty dollars
18 weekly, not more than the sum so contributed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	31-306(a)(6)
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow surviving family members of an employee to receive compensation for a work-related death when such employee does not have dependents.

[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.]

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