

No. 2002-182

## AN ACT

HB 2444

Amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), entitled, as reenacted and amended, "An act defining the liability of an 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 prescribing penalties," further providing for the definition of "employe" to include local coordinators of emergency management as employees of municipalities.

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

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

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

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***(9) All local coordinators of emergency management, as defined in 35 Pa.C.S. § 7502 (relating to local coordinator of emergency management), of the various municipalities who shall be and are hereby declared to be employes of such municipalities for the purposes of this act and who shall be entitled to receive compensation in the case of injuries received while actually engaged as local coordinator of emergency management at any emergency to which he has been called or responded, including travel from and the direct return to his home, place of business or other place where he shall have been when he received the call or alarm or while performing any other duties authorized by the municipality.***

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

APPROVED—The 9th day of December, A.D. 2002.

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