

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**20 DCSTAT 3646**

**D.C. Law 20-137, effective September 9, 2014 (Expiration date April 22, 2015)**

**(Related Emergency Legislation is Act 20-334, 20 DCSTAT 3318)**

**AN ACT**

**Bill 20-786  
Act 20-367  
effective  
June 23, 2014**

*To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Workers' Compensation Act of 1979 to match federal statute of limitations for private-sector employees who are injured at work.*

**Codification  
District of  
Columbia  
Official Code  
2001 Edition**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Workers’ Compensation Statute of Limitations Temporary Amendment Act of 2014”.

**Workers’  
Compensation  
Statute of  
Limitations  
Temporary  
Amendment  
Act of 2014**

Sec. 2. Section 36(b) of the District of Columbia Workers' Compensation Act of 1979, effective July 1, 1980 (D.C. Law 3-77; D.C. Official Code § 32-1535(b)), is amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read as follows: “If the employer fails to commence an action against such third person within 90 days after the cause of action is assigned under this section, the right to bring the action shall revert to the person entitled to compensation.”.

**Note,  
§ 32-1535**

Sec. 3. Applicability.

This act applies to causes of action for negligence for which the 3-year statute of limitations has not expired.

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Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02 (c))(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.