

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
D.C. Law 20-25, effective October 17, 2013 (Expiration date May 30, 2014)
(Related Emergency Legislation is Act 20-98, 20 DCSTAT 1456)

20 DCSTAT 2382

AN ACT

Bill 20-339
Act 20-118
effective
July 24, 2013

To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Workers' Compensation Act of 1979 to match the federal statute of limitations for negligence claims brought by 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 2013”.

Workers’
Compensation
Statute of
Limitations
Temporary
Amendment
Act of 2013

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.