

AN ACT

Bill 20-338

Emergency
Declaration
Res. 20-159
20 DCStat 1596

To amend, on an emergency 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 Emergency Amendment Act of 2013”.

Workers’
Compensation
Statute of
Limitations
Emergency
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,
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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.

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), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).