

AN ACT

Bill 20-443

**Emergency
Declaration
Res. 20-271
20 DCStat 2657**

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

**Workers'
Compensation
Statute of
Limitations
Congressional
Review
Emergency
Amendment
Act of 2013**

**Note,
§ 32-1535**

**Applicable as
of September
25, 2013**

To amend, on an emergency basis, due to Congressional review, the District of Columbia Workers' Compensation Act of 1979 to match federal statute of limitations for private-sector employees who are injured at work.

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

Sec. 3. Applicability.

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

(b) This act shall apply as of September 25, 2013.

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)).