

REFERENCE TITLE: law enforcement; fire; employment status

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Introduced by
Representative Payne

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 23-1021.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 23-1021.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:
4 23-1021.01. Law enforcement employees; firefighters;
5 employment status; definitions
6 A. A ~~peace officer~~ LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE or ~~fire fighter as~~
7 ~~defined in section 1-215~~ FIREFIGHTER who is injured or killed while
8 traveling directly to or from work ~~as a peace officer~~ shall be considered
9 in the course and scope of employment solely for the purposes of
10 eligibility for workers' compensation benefits, provided that the ~~peace~~
11 ~~officer~~ LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE or ~~fire fighter~~ FIREFIGHTER is not
12 engaged in criminal activity.
13 B. ~~Nothing in~~ This section ~~shall~~ DOES NOT create any liability on
14 the part of the ~~peace officer's~~ LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE'S or ~~fire~~
15 ~~fighter's~~ FIREFIGHTER'S employer for any civil damages occurring through
16 the ~~peace officer's~~ LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE'S or ~~fire fighter's~~
17 FIREFIGHTER'S negligent or intentional conduct while traveling to or from
18 work ~~as a peace officer~~.
19 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
20 1. "LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE" MEANS THE FOLLOWING:
21 (a) A PEACE OFFICER.
22 (b) A PROBATION OFFICER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 38-1131.
23 (c) A CORRECTIONS OFFICER OR DETENTION OFFICER WHO IS EMPLOYED BY
24 THIS STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE.
25 2. "EMPLOYER" MEANS ANY AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE OR ANY
26 COUNTY, CITY, TOWN OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE.