

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**  
4 **By: Senator Ross**

# A Bill

**ACT 372 OF 1993**  
**SENATE BILL 325**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SPOUSE OR MINOR CHILDREN OF AN  
9 INMATE OR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO PETITION THE  
10 WORKERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION FOR AN AWARD TO THEM OF  
11 THE INMATE\_S WORKERS COMPENSATION BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "TO AUTHORIZE SPOUSE OR MINOR CHILDREN OF AN INMATE OR  
15 DEPT. OF CORRECTION TO PETITION WORKERS COMP COMMISSION  
16 FOR INMATE\_S WORKERS COMP BENEFITS."

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. When any person who receives worker\_s compensation benefits  
22 is incarcerated in an institution under the control of the Arkansas Department  
23 of Correction, the inmate\_s spouse or if no spouse, the inmate\_s minor  
24 dependent children may petition the Worker\_s Compensation Commission to award  
25 to the spouse or minor dependent children the inmate\_s worker\_s compensation  
26 *weekly disability benefits for the period of the claimant's incarceration.* If  
27 the inmate has no surviving spouse nor surviving minor dependent children, the  
28 Arkansas Department of Correction may petition the Worker\_s Compensation  
29 Commission to award to the Department of Correction the amount of *the worker's*  
30 *compensation weekly disability benefits for the period of the claimant's*  
31 *incarceration necessary to reimburse the department for the cost of*  
32 *incarcerating the inmate.*

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34 SECTION 2. The Worker\_s Compensation Commission shall promulgate  
35 regulations necessary for the implementation of this act.

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1 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
2 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
3 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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5 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
6 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
7 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
8 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
9 act are declared to be severable.

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11 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
12 hereby repealed.

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*/s/ Senator Ross*

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