

State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1174

By: Representative Northcutt

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §21-5-603 TO DEFINE 'VOLUNTEER EMPLOYEE' FOR PURPOSES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §21-5-603(a) is hereby amended by adding a new subdivision to read as follows:

"(6) Volunteer Employee: Any volunteer employee duly qualified and registered as provided in the State and Local Government Volunteers Act, §21-13-101 et seq., when such workers are acting subject to the order, or control of, or pursuant to a request of, and under the supervision and instruction of a paid employee of an agency or division of the State of Arkansas making use of a volunteer employee."

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

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the term Volunteer Employee is not currently defined by law for purposes of the Public Employee Workers Compensation Act; that the absence of such definition in that law has created considerable disagreement and confusion and that it is urgent that this term be defined as soon as possible and that this Act is designed to provide such definition and should be given effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and

this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall in be full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.