

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added solely to avoid repetition of a list of entities such as the list that appeared in former Art. 89, § 45, and to avoid unintended discrepancies that could arise when the list is amended in one provision but not in other provisions. It is not intended to affect case law on the issue whether an entity is a public body.

Defined terms: "Governmental unit" § 1-101
"State" § 1-101

5-102. LEGISLATIVE POLICY.

(A) FINDINGS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) PERSONAL INJURIES AND ILLNESSES THAT ARISE OUT OF CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT SUBSTANTIALLY BURDEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IN TERMS OF LOST PRODUCTION, MEDICAL EXPENSES, DISABILITY COMPENSATION PAYMENTS, AND LOST WAGES; AND

(2) THE PREVENTION OF THESE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES IS IN THE BEST INTEREST AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE.

(B) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE ARE TO ENSURE, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THAT EACH WORKING MAN AND WOMAN IN THE STATE HAS WORKING CONDITIONS THAT ARE SAFE AND HEALTHFUL AND TO PRESERVE HUMAN RESOURCES BY:

(1) PROVIDING THAT EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES HAVE SEPARATE BUT DEPENDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO MAKING WORKING CONDITIONS SAFE AND HEALTHFUL;

(2) PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS;

(3) PROVIDING FOR TRAINING AND OTHER EDUCATION OF PERSONNEL SO THAT OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS ARE ADMINISTERED FAIRLY AND EFFICIENTLY;

(4) PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM UNDER THIS TITLE;

(5) ENCOURAGING EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO:

(I) REDUCE THE NUMBER OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS AT THEIR PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT; AND

(II) CREATE OR IMPROVE PROGRAMS TO MAKE WORKING CONDITIONS SAFE AND HEALTHFUL;