

# LOS ANGELES SOUTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

---

ADVOCACY

RECOMMENDED ARTICLES

LEGISLATION & REPRESENTATIVES

CONTACT US

---



CALIFORNIA SENATE - JOBS & THE ECONOMY

## **WORKER'S COMPENSATION: COVID-19: CRITICAL WORKERS**

Senate Bill 1159 (2019-2020)

Introduced by Senator [Jerry Hill](#)

### **Purpose**

- Existing law establishes a workers' compensation system, administered by the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation, to compensate an employee, as defined, for injuries sustained in the course of employment. Existing law creates a disputable presumption that specified injuries sustained in the course of employment of a specified member of law enforcement or a specified first responder arose out of and in the course of the employment. Existing law governs the procedures for filing a claim for workers' compensation, including filing a claim form, and provides that an injury is presumed compensable if liability is not rejected within 90 days after the claim form is filed, as specified.

- This bill would define “injury” for an employee to include illness or death resulting from the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) under specified circumstances, until January 1, 2024, and July 1, 2024, for employees generally, and until July 1, 2024, for certain peace officers, firefighters, and health care workers, among others.

### Status

- 09/17/20: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 85, Statutes of 2020.
- [History](#)

### Position

- LASCC Position: **Oppose**

Read the official bill. [Click Here](#)

---

8726 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Ste. D-2111 Los Angeles CA 90045

Tel. (310) 308-4511 / Fax: (310) 216-1199

acorlin@peelian.com

©2021 by Peelian Consulting LLC. All Rights Reserved.