



HOUSE BILL 1464

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;  
Title 6; Title 7, Chapter 51; Title 8 and Title 50,  
relative to electrical linemen.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-210(a), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

( ) "Electrical lineman" means an individual who:

(A) Installs, maintains, or repairs electrical transmission and power distribution systems; and

(B) Is employed by a local government or an entity that contracts with a local government for the installation, maintenance, or repair of such systems;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-210(b), is amended by adding the language "or electrical lineman" after "emergency responder" wherever it may appear.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-210(d), is amended by deleting the period at the end of the subsection and substituting ", or being both an emergency responder and an electrical lineman."

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to HB1464

Crawford  
Signature of Sponsor

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**House Bill No. 1464\***

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SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-210, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f) A denial of a claim made under this section by the estate of an electrical lineman is subject to review by the department of finance and administration within ninety (90) days of the denial. The department of finance and administration has the authority to review the claim and issue a final order, which is binding upon this state.

The department of finance and administration shall cause copies of the final order to be delivered to the claimant's estate and the department of finance and administration.

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Watson  
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