

WPC-31A

Executive Order WPC-31A is amended as follows and shall be known as WPC-31A as amended March 15, 1982.

Creating and Establishing the Governor's Task Force on Work Related Accidents

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has established a policy to protect the health and welfare of its citizens and to eliminate the disability of its working men and women by promoting the adoption, application, and implementation of safety measures in industry; and

WHEREAS, in the past several years, the State of Texas has experienced many work related injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, all Texans are deeply concerned over the human suffering of those afflicted by work related injuries and fatalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish the Governor's Task Force on Work Related Accidents, hereinafter referred to as Task Force.

The Task Force shall consist of not more than 21 members appointed by the governor, including two members of the Texas State Senate and two members of the Texas State House of Representatives who shall serve for two-year terms and at the pleasure of the governor. The governor shall designate a chairman and vice-chairman from the membership who shall serve in those positions at the pleasure of the governor.

The Task Force is charged with the following responsibilities.

- (a) coordinate and work closely with the Occupational Safety Board;
- (b) provide specific recommendations to the governor, legislature, and others that will educate the general public concerning the need for and benefits of work safety programs;
- (c) develop specific goals and objectives that government and industry could use in their efforts to reduce instances of death and disability in the work place;
- (d) recommend legislation and executive action to foster the development and maintenance of effective safety measures in industry and enterprise;
- (e) encourage private sector participation in work safety programs; and
- (f) perform other duties as may be requested by the governor.

On or before January 1, 1983, the Task Force shall make a complete written report of its activities and recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and the Occupational Safety Board.

The Task Force shall meet at least semiannually and at the call of the chairman. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. The chairman shall, with consultation of the governor, establish the agenda for Task Force meetings.

The Texas Department of Health shall serve as coordinating staff to the Task Force.

The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation and shall be responsible for their expenses.

All agencies of state and local governments are hereby directed to cooperate with and assist the Task Force in the performance of its duties.

This amendment of WPC-31A shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

Issued in Austin, Texas on March 16, 1982.

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William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas