

SB 28 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

2025 SESSION

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SENATE BILL

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AN ACT relative to workers' compensation claims involving emergency responders with acute stress disorder or post-traumatic stress disorder.

SPONSORS: Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Rep. Soucy, Merr. 21; Rep. S. Pearson, Rock. 13

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that "date of injury" for purposes of workers' compensation claims by emergency responders with acute stress disorder or post-traumatic stress disorder shall be determined in accordance with the statute governing date of injury for occupational disease or cumulative trauma.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to workers' compensation claims involving emergency responders with acute stress disorder or post-traumatic stress disorder.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Workers' Compensation; Acute Stress Disorder and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Amend
2 RSA 281-A:17-c to read as follows:

3 281-A:17-c Acute Stress Disorder and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; Presumption.

4 ***I.*** Notwithstanding RSA 281-A:2, XI and XIII, [~~RSA 281-A:16,~~] and RSA 281-A:27, there
5 shall be a prima facie presumption that acute stress disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder in
6 an emergency responder, as defined in RSA 281-A:2, V-c are occupationally caused.

7 ***II. For purposes of this section, the date of injury for acute stress disorder and post-***
8 ***traumatic stress disorder in an emergency responder shall be subject to the provisions for***
9 ***determining date of injury for occupational disease or cumulative trauma under RSA 281-***
10 ***A:16.***

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.