

CHAPTER 81
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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 struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

1 81:1 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 shall be a
5 prima facie presumption that acute stress disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder in an emergency
6 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-traumatic*
8 *stress disorder in an emergency responder shall be subject to the provisions for determining date of injury*
9 *for occupational disease or cumulative trauma under RSA 281-A:16.*

81:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 10, 2025
Effective Date: August 09, 2025