

SB 28 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL           **28**

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

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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.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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.