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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JUNE 28, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in emergency responder mental wellness
3 and stress management, further providing for confidential
4 communications involving emergency responders and providing
5 for mental health evaluations for 911 dispatchers.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 75A10 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

10 § 75A10. Confidential communications involving emergency
11 responders.

12 (a) Disclosure.--Except as provided under subsection (b), a
13 trained peer support provider or coparticipant present during
14 peer support services, a health care provider or a helpline
15 operator may not disclose any information regarding an emergency
16 responder without the consent of the emergency responder.

17 (b) Exceptions.--The privilege established under subsection
18 (a) shall not apply if any of the following apply:

1 (1) The trained peer support provider, health care
2 provider or helpline operator reasonably believes a clear and
3 present danger exists to the emergency responder or to other
4 individuals.

5 (2) The emergency responder has given express consent to
6 disclose information.

7 (3) The emergency responder is deceased and the
8 surviving spouse or the executor or administrator of the
9 estate of the deceased emergency responder has given express
10 consent.

11 Section 2. Title 35 is amended by adding a section to read:
12 § 75A12. Mental health evaluations for 911 dispatchers.

13 (a) Evaluations.--Without cost to the 911 dispatcher, an
14 employer shall provide a 911 dispatcher with a mental health
15 evaluation for post-traumatic stress disorder by a licensed
16 health care provider:

17 (1) upon request of the 911 dispatcher; or

18 (2) upon recommendation of the direct supervisor of the
19 911 dispatcher.

20 (b) Treatment.--If a licensed health care provider
21 determines during the mental health evaluation under subsection
22 (a) that the 911 dispatcher has symptoms of post-traumatic
23 stress disorder, the 911 dispatcher shall be provided with
24 treatment under a licensed health care provider's care until the
25 licensed health care provider determines in writing that the 911
26 dispatcher is able to resume full duties.

27 (c) Administrative duty.--A 911 dispatcher shall be assigned
28 to administrative duty if the 911 dispatcher is experiencing
29 symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder as determined by a
30 licensed health care provider under subsection (a) and whom the

1 licensed health care provider has not yet determined is able to
2 resume full duties under subsection (b).

3 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.