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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2664 Session of  
2018

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INTRODUCED BY BARRAR, BARBIN, BIZZARRO, BOYLE, COMMITTA, DeLUCA,  
DiGIROLAMO, DRISCOLL, FARRY, FLYNN, GILLEN, HEFFLEY, JOZWIAK,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), entitled "An  
2 act defining the liability of an employer to pay damages for  
3 injuries received by an employe in the course of employment;  
4 establishing an elective schedule of compensation; providing  
5 procedure for the determination of liability and compensation  
6 thereunder; and prescribing penalties," in interpretation and  
7 definitions, further providing for the definition of  
8 "occupational disease"; and, in liability and compensation,  
9 further providing for compensation for post-traumatic stress  
10 injury.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 108 of the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736,  
14 No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, is amended by  
15 adding a clause to read:

16 Section 108. The term "occupational disease," as used in  
17 this act, shall mean only the following diseases.

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19 (s) Post-traumatic stress injury, which is suffered by a  
20 police officer, firefighter or emergency medical services

1 provider and caused by exposure to a traumatic event arising in  
2 the course of the provider's employment or, after four years or  
3 more of service, is caused by and related to the cumulative  
4 effect of psychological stress in the course of the provider's  
5 employment for the benefit and safety of the public.

6 Section 2. Section 301 of the act is amended by adding a  
7 subsection to read:

8 Section 301. \* \* \*

9 (g) A post-traumatic stress injury to an individual employed  
10 as a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical services  
11 provider, which is not precipitated by a physical injury, shall  
12 be established by substantial competent evidence that the injury  
13 was received while in the course of the individual's employment.

14 Section 3. The addition of sections 108(s) and 301(g) of the  
15 act shall apply to claims filed on or after the effective date  
16 of this section.

17 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.