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Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clark
of Vergennes, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury,
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2 Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of
3 New Haven, Spengler of Colchester, Taylor of Barre City, Toll
4 of Danville, Waite-Simpson of Essex and Wilson of Manchester

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Internal security and public safety; benefits for the survivors of
8 emergency personnel

9 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to change the definition of “line of
10 duty” in the benefits for survivors of emergency personnel statute to include
11 services rendered by emergency personnel when they are not called to duty by
12 the department.

13 An act relating to benefits for survivors of emergency personnel

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 3171 is amended to read:

16 § 3171. DEFINITIONS

17 For purposes of this chapter:

18 (1) “Board” means the emergency personnel survivors benefit review
19 board.

20 (2) “Child” means a natural or legally adopted child, regardless of age.

1 (3) "Emergency personnel" means:

2 (A) firefighters as defined in subdivision 3151(3) of this title;

3 (B) ambulance service, emergency medical, first responder service,

4 and volunteer personnel as defined in ~~section 24 V.S.A. § 2651 of Title 24.~~

5 (4) "Line of duty" means:

6 (A) answering or returning from a call of the department for a fire, or
7 emergency or training drill; ~~or~~

8 (B) similar service in another town or district to which the
9 department has been called for firefighting or emergency purposes; or

10 (C) rendering aid or responding to an emergency in accordance with
11 the standard operating procedures or guidelines of the department, even if not
12 called by the department.

13 (5) "Occupation-related illness" means a disease that directly arises out
14 of, and in the course of, service, including a heart injury or disease
15 symptomatic within 72 hours from the date of last service in the line of duty,
16 which shall be presumed to be incurred in the line of duty.

17 (6) "Parent" means a natural or adoptive parent.

18 (7) "Survivor" means a spouse, child, or parent of emergency personnel.