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2 Introduced by Representatives Savage of Swanton, Bissonnette of Winooski,  
3 Brennan of Colchester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Frenier  
4 of Chelsea, Gamache of Swanton, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of  
5 Fair Haven, Hubert of Milton, Parent of St. Albans Town,  
6 Rosenquist of Georgia, Shaw of Pittsford, Strong of Albany,  
7 and Turner of Milton

8 Referred to Committee on

9 Date:

10 Subject: Crimes; aggravated murder; firefighters and emergency medical  
11 personnel

12 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to expand the  
13 aggravated murder statute to include the killing of a firefighter or an  
14 emergency medical provider.

15 An act relating to aggravated murder for killing a firefighter or an  
16 emergency medical provider

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

2 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2311 is amended to read:

3 § 2311. AGGRAVATED MURDER DEFINED

4 (a) A person is guilty of aggravated murder if he or she commits a first or  
5 second degree murder, as defined in section 2301 of this title, and at the time  
6 of his or her actions, one or more of the following circumstances was in fact  
7 present:

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9 (7) The victim of the murder was known by the person to be a  
10 firefighter, a member of emergency medical personnel as defined in 24 V.S.A.  
11 § 2651(6), a person employed in any capacity in or about a correctional  
12 facility, or a law enforcement officer, and was performing his or her official  
13 duties.

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15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on passage.