

1 H.422

2 Introduced by Representatives Savage of Swanton, Beyor of Highgate,
3 Branagan of Georgia, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of
4 Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Goodwin of
5 Weston, Hebert of Vernon, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Terenzini
6 of Rutland Town, and Wright of Burlington

7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Crimes; aggravated murder; firefighters and emergency services
10 personnel

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

14 An act relating to aggravated murder for killing a firefighter or an
15 emergency services provider

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

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

18 § 2311. AGGRAVATED MURDER DEFINED

19 (a) A person is guilty of aggravated murder if he or she commits a first or
20 second degree murder, as defined in section 2301 of this title, and at the time

1 of his or her actions, one or more of the following circumstances was in fact
2 present:

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

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10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.