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New Haven, Turner of Milton, Wilson of Manchester and Zagar
of Barnard

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Labor; workers' compensation; line of duty

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to expand the definition of "line of
duty" for purposes of the workers' compensation statutes.

An act relating to the definition of line of duty in the workers'
compensation statutes

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

2 Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. § 601 is amended to read:

3 § 601. DEFINITIONS

4 Unless the context otherwise requires, words and phrases used in this
5 chapter shall be construed as follows:

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7 (11) "Personal injury by accident arising out of and in the course of
8 employment" includes an injury caused by the willful act of a third person
9 directed against an employee because of that employment.

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11 (C) "Line of duty," as applied to firefighters and rescue and
12 ambulance workers means one or more of the following:

13 (i) Service in the worker's town or district for firefighting or
14 emergency purposes, in answer to a call of the department, including going to
15 and returning from a fire or emergency or participating in a fire or emergency
16 drill, parade, test, or trial of any firefighting or emergency equipment.

17 (ii) Similar service in another town or district to which the
18 department has been called for firefighting or emergency purposes.

19 (iii) Service under orders of any department officer or the
20 established regulations of the department in any other emergency ~~to which the~~
21 ~~department is called~~ in the town or district where the department is established.

