

1 H.830

2 Introduced by Representative Stuart of Brattleboro

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Municipal law; legislative body; police, fire, and first responders;

6 notice of disability benefits related to post-traumatic stress disorder

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
8 legislative body of each town, city, and incorporated village to provide notice  
9 to each employee of any police department, fire department, and first  
10 responder service of the municipality regarding the disability benefits available  
11 to the employee as a result of post-traumatic stress disorder.

12 An act relating to municipal notice regarding disability benefits available  
13 due to post-traumatic stress disorder

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

15 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 1093 is added to read:

16 § 1093. MUNICIPAL POLICE, FIRE, AND FIRST RESPONDERS;

17 NOTICE OF DISABILITY BENEFITS RELATED TO PTSD

18 (a) The legislative body of each town, city, and incorporated village shall  
19 provide notice to each new hire of any police department, fire department, and

1 first responder service of the municipality regarding the disability benefits  
2 available to the employee as a result of post-traumatic stress disorder.

3 (b) The legislative body shall annually provide this notice to the chiefs of  
4 the police and fire departments and to the chief administrative officer of the  
5 first responder service, all of whom shall post the notice in a prominent and  
6 accessible location within the building in which their members are employed.

7 (c) The legislative body shall also publish the notice on the municipality's  
8 website, if the municipality has a website.

9 Sec. 2. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION; NOTICE TO EXISTING

10 EMPLOYEES

11 On or before October 1, 2018, the legislative body of each town, city, and  
12 incorporated village shall provide notice to each existing employee of any  
13 police department, fire department, and first responder service of the  
14 municipality regarding the disability benefits available to the employee as a  
15 result of post-traumatic stress disorder.

16 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.