

Bill History
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Introducer(s):

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Title: AN ACT ADDING WITNESSING A SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY AS A QUALIFYING EVENT FOR PURPOSES OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE.

Statement of Purpose: To add witnessing a serious physical injury that does not result in the death or permanent disfigurement of such person as a qualifying event for an employee to be eligible for workers' compensation coverage for a post-traumatic stress injury.

Bill History:

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