

By Senator Burgess

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to workers' compensation benefits for
3 first responders; amending s. 112.1815, F.S.;
4 providing that the time for specified notice in
5 certain cases of compensable posttraumatic stress
6 disorder is measured from the time of the qualifying
7 event or the diagnosis of the disorder, rather than
8 the manifestation of the disorder, whichever is later;
9 providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (5) of section
14 112.1815, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 112.1815 Firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical
16 technicians, and law enforcement officers; special provisions
17 for employment-related accidents and injuries.-

18 (5)

19 (d) The time for notice of injury or death in cases of
20 compensable posttraumatic stress disorder under this subsection
21 is the same as in s. 440.151(6) and is measured from one of the
22 qualifying events listed in subparagraph (a)2. or the diagnosis
23 ~~manifestation~~ of the disorder, whichever is later. A claim under
24 this subsection must be properly noticed within 52 weeks after
25 the qualifying event or the diagnosis of the disorder, whichever
26 is later.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.