

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senators Burgess and Hooper

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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 a declaration of important state interest;
10 providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (5) of section
15 112.1815, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

19 (5)

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

28 Section 2. The Legislature determines and declares that
29 this act fulfills an important state interest.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.