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2 Introduced by Representative Poirier of Barre City

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Labor; workers' compensation; mental injury; standard

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to assure that a mental injury suffered  
7 in the course of employment is compensable as if it were a physical injury.

8 An act relating to compensability of mental injuries under workers'  
9 compensation

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

11 Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. § 601(23) is amended to read:

12 (23) "Occupational disease" means a disease, including a mental disease  
13 or injury that results from causes and conditions characteristic of and peculiar  
14 to a particular trade, occupation, process, or employment, and to which an  
15 employee is not ordinarily subjected or exposed outside or away from the  
16 employment and arises out of and in the course of the employment.