

1 H.477

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 the workers'
9 compensation statutes

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

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

12 § 601. DEFINITIONS

13 Unless the context otherwise requires, words and phrases used in this
14 chapter shall be construed as follows:

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16 (23) "Occupational disease" means a disease, including a mental disease or
17 injury, that results from causes and conditions characteristic of and peculiar to

1 a particular trade, occupation, process, or employment; and to which an
2 employee is not ordinarily subjected or exposed outside or away from the
3 employment and which arises out of and in the course of the employment.

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