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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

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

9 An act relating to compensability of mental injuries under the workers'
10 compensation statutes

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

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

13 § 601. DEFINITIONS

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

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17 (23) "Occupational disease" means a disease, including a mental disease
18 or injury, that results from causes and conditions characteristic of and peculiar
19 to a particular trade, occupation, process, or employment, and to which an

1 employee is not ordinarily subjected or exposed outside or away from the
2 employment and which arises out of and in the course of the employment.

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4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.