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Introduced by Representatives Savage of Swanton, Batchelor of Derby,
Burditt of West Rutland, Gregoire of Fairfield, McFaun of
Barre Town, Myers of Essex, Page of Newport City, Rosenquist
of Georgia, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes; aggravated murder; firefighters and emergency medical
personnel

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to expand the
aggravated murder statute to include the killing of a firefighter or an
emergency medical provider.

An act relating to aggravated murder for killing a firefighter or an
emergency medical provider

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

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2311 is amended to read:

§ 2311. AGGRAVATED MURDER DEFINED

(a) A person is guilty of aggravated murder if he or she commits a first or
second degree murder, as defined in section 2301 of this title, and at the time

1 of his or her actions, one or more of the following circumstances was in fact
2 present:

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4 (7) The victim of the murder was known by the person to be a
5 firefighter, a member of emergency medical personnel as defined in 24 V.S.A.
6 § 2651(6), a person employed in any capacity in or about a correctional
7 facility, or a law enforcement officer, and was performing his or her official
8 duties.

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10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.