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

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

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

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

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

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

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

17 § 2311. AGGRAVATED MURDER DEFINED

18 (a) A person is guilty of aggravated murder if he or she commits a first or  
19 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.