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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION AMENDMENT ACT, 2012

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(Assented to , 2012)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Amends RSA 2000 cW-15

1 The *Workers' Compensation Act* is amended by this Act.

2 The following is added after section 24.1:

Presumption re EMTs, etc.

24.2(1) In this section,

- (a) “emergency medical technician” means an individual who is registered as a member of the designated health discipline of Emergency Medical Technicians under the *Health Disciplines Act* in the Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician-Ambulance or Emergency Medical Technologist-Paramedic area of practice;
- (b) “firefighter” means a full-time firefighter or part-time firefighter as defined in section 24.1;
- (c) “peace officer” means an individual appointed as a peace officer under section 7 of the *Peace Officer Act* who is authorized by that appointment to use the title “Sheriff”;

Explanatory Notes

- 1** Amends chapter W-15 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.
- 2** Presumption re EMTs, etc.

- (d) “physician” means an individual who is a regulated member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta who holds a practice permit issued under the *Health Professions Act* or an individual who has a similar status under similar legislation in a jurisdiction outside Alberta;
- (e) “police officer” means an individual appointed as a police officer under section 5 or 36 of the *Police Act* or as a chief of police under section 36 of the *Police Act*;
- (f) “post-traumatic stress disorder” means Posttraumatic Stress Disorder as that condition is described in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association;
- (g) “psychologist” means an individual who is a regulated member of the College of Alberta Psychologists who holds a practice permit issued under the *Health Professions Act* or an individual who has a similar status under similar legislation in a jurisdiction outside Alberta.

(2) If a worker who is or has been an emergency medical technician, firefighter, peace officer or police officer is diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder by a physician or psychologist, the post-traumatic stress disorder shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proven, to be an injury that arose out of and occurred during the course of the worker’s employment in response to a traumatic event or a series of traumatic events to which the worker was exposed in carrying out the worker’s duties as an emergency medical technician, firefighter, peace officer or police officer.

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