

Subject Workers' compensation for first responders

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Summary

This bill would extend the workers' compensation presumption for a qualified first responder who contracts COVID-19 until December 31, 2021. The rebuttable presumption established in [Laws 2020, chapter 72](#) is set to expire May 1, 2021. It provides that an eligible first responder who contracts COVID-19 is presumed to have an occupational disease arising from their employment activities for the purpose of claiming workers' compensation benefits. An employer may disprove the presumption.