

HB 1243 -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION

SPONSOR: Bangert

This bill defines the term "emergency worker" to include any air ambulance pilot, air ambulance registered professional nurse, emergency medical technician, firefighter, or law enforcement officer. The bill establishes a presumption that post-traumatic stress disorder diagnosed in an emergency worker, during his or her service or within three years of the date of last active service, shall be an occupational disease compensable under Section 287.067, RSMo. The presumption may be rebutted by evidence that nonservice-connected risk factors or exposure caused the post-traumatic stress disorder.