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WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT CHANGES ANNOUNCED

On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, the Government of British Columbia announced changes to the Workers Compensation Act. Bill 9 introduces changes which will add PTSD and other mental disorders to the list of conditions that are recognized as being presumptive conditions associated with specific types of jobs.

KEY AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the Workers Compensation Act were introduced in the house yesterday which, if approved, will add PTSD and other mental disorders as presumptive conditions for firefighters, police officers, paramedics, sheriffs and correctional officers.

Additionally, the amendments will extend the existing cancer presumptions for municipal firefighters to include federal firefighters on military bases. The government press release notes that it will consider over time expanding presumptions to other types of workers who experience traumatic events at work, as well as continuing to focus on overall workplace safety.

QUESTIONS?

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SOURCE

"Province to eliminate barriers for first responders to access compensation for mental trauma" April 11, 2018
[HTTPS://NEWS.GOV.BC.CA/RELEASES/2018LBR0008-000611](https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018LBR0008-000611)

