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An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws by Extending Indefinitely the Presumption Applying to Law Enforcement Officers, Corrections Officers, E-9-1-1 Dispatchers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery.
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and
Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 39-A MRS §201, sub-§3-A, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A,
3 §143, is further amended by repealing the last blocked paragraph.

4 **SUMMARY**

5 Under current law, within the provisions governing entitlement to receive
6 compensation and services under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992, there is
7 a rebuttable presumption that the condition of post-traumatic stress disorder arose out of
8 and in the course of a worker's employment if that worker is a law enforcement officer,
9 corrections officer, E-9-1-1 dispatcher, firefighter or emergency medical services person
10 diagnosed as having post-traumatic stress disorder that resulted from work stress, as long
11 as certain specified conditions are met. This rebuttable presumption is scheduled to be
12 repealed on October 1, 2025.

13 This bill repeals that repeal, continuing the rebuttable presumption indefinitely.