

Human Resources Legislative Update

PTSD Bill Passes Second Reading

Date: March 4, 2016

On March 3, 2016, Bill 163, [Supporting Ontario's First Responders Act \(Posttraumatic Stress Disorder\), 2016](#), passed second reading and was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy.

[As previously reported](#), if passed, Bill 163 will, among other things, amend the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997* to create a rebuttable statutory presumption in favour of granting workers' compensation benefits to certain workers diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

For more information on Bill 163, see our *FTR Now* of February 23, 2016 "[Ontario Introduces Legislation Creating Statutory Presumption of Work-Relatedness for First Responders Diagnosed with PTSD](#)."