

Human Resources Legislative Update

Ontario Passes PTSD Bill

Date: April 5, 2016

On April 5, 2016, Bill 163, [Supporting Ontario's First Responders Act \(Posttraumatic Stress Disorder\), 2016](#), passed Third Reading as amended by the Standing Committee on Social Policy.

[As previously reported](#), Bill 163 amends 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.

Bill 163 will come into force upon Royal Assent. Typically, a Bill will receive Royal Assent shortly after it passes in the Legislature. We will monitor and communicate the specific date once it is known.

An *FTR Now* is being prepared and will be available shortly.