

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
89th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2013  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 589**

TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPENSABILITY OF MENTAL INJURY OR ILLNESS FOR EMERGENCY  
RESPONDERS AND TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM  
INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 589**

Amend Senate Bill No. 589 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 27 delete "(a)(1)(A)" and substitute "(a)(1)"

AND

Page 1, line 29 delete "(i)" and substitute "(A)"

AND

Page 1, line 30 delete "and"

AND

Page 1, line 32 delete "services." and substitute "services; and"

AND

Page 1, delete lines 33 through 36 and substitute the following:

"(iii) Is a law enforcement officer or firefighter."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 2

AND

Page 2, delete line 15 through 19 and substitute the following:

"(2) No mental injury or illness under this section shall be  
compensable unless:

(A) ~~it~~ It is also diagnosed by a licensed psychiatrist or  
psychologist;

(B) and unless the The diagnosis of the condition meets the



criteria established in the most current issue of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders; and

(C) The mental stress results from the unusual mental stress related strictly to the position of law enforcement officers or firefighters."

AND

Page 2, delete line 22 and substitute "~~shall be~~ is limited to twenty-six (26) weeks of disability"

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator J. Woods

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Secretary