



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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Introduced by City Council on January 15, 2020

Supports HB 432, amending the Worker's Compensation Act by providing for compensation for Post-Traumatic Stress Injury for First Responders

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, All employees of the City of Allentown are covered under the Pennsylvania Workman's Compensation Act for **Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI)** with the exception of Firefighters, Police, and EMS; and

WHEREAS, First Responders suffering from **PTSI** often go unreported and untreated thus leading to long term and permanent disability or in extreme cases, suicide; and

WHEREAS, Treating Allentown First Responders for **PTSI**, in accordance with **Pennsylvania House Bill 432** and subsequent amendments, as other injuries are treated under the Pennsylvania Workman's Compensation Act, will help curb First Responder suicide as well as alleviate long term and permanent disabilities which add unwanted and unproductive costs to the City of Allentown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Allentown City Council stands with the City's First Responders by supporting **Pennsylvania House Bill 432** and subsequent amendments.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to State Senator Pat Browne and Representatives Michael Schlossberg and Peter Schweyer.