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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1082

Chairperson: Abbie Cornett
Committee: Business and Labor
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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The Nebraska Supreme Court, in Zach v. Nebraska State Patrol, 273 Neb. 1 (2007), determined that a compensable injury caused by an occupational disease must involve some physical stimulus constituting violence to the physical structure of the body. Injuries to the psyche which did not involve physical trauma were held to be noncompensable.

It is the intent of LB 1082 to create a limited exception to the ruling in the Zach case to allow these mental injuries, in the absence of physical trauma, to be compensated when such injuries are suffered by first responders and persons who, in the scope and course of their employment, witness or are victims of a violent criminal act.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Abbie Cornett