**No. 2. An act relating to extending certain workers' compensation amendments related to COVID-19.**

(S.9)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. INTENT; WORKERS' COMPENSATION; EXTENSION OF COVID-19-RELATED PROVISIONS

It is the intent of the General Assembly to continue uninterrupted from January 15, 2021 until 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency declared in response to COVID-19 pursuant to Executive Order 01-20:

(1) the Commissioner of Labor's authority pursuant to 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 150, Sec. 1 to temporarily extend deadlines and amend or waive specific requirements of Vermont's workers' compensation laws during a state of emergency related to COVID-19; and

(2) the provisions of 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 150, Sec. 2 establishing in certain circumstances a rebuttable presumption that a worker who is diagnosed with COVID-19 is entitled to benefits under Vermont's workers' compensation laws.

Sec. 2. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 150, Sec. 2(a)(1) is amended to read:

(a)(1) In the case of a front-line worker, disability or death resulting from COVID-19 shall be presumed to be compensable pursuant to 21 V.S.A. chapter 9, provided that the front-line worker receives a positive laboratory test for COVID-19 or a diagnosis of COVID-19 from a licensed healthcare provider between March 1, 2020 and ~~January 15, 2021~~ the 30th day following

the termination of the state of emergency declared in response to COVID-19 pursuant to Executive Order 01-20.

Sec. 3. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 150, Sec. 2(b) is amended to read:

(b) For an employee who is not a front-line worker as defined in subdivision (a)(2)(B) of this section, disability or death resulting from COVID-19 shall be presumed to be compensable pursuant to 21 V.S.A. chapter 9 if the employee receives a positive laboratory test for COVID-19 or a diagnosis of COVID-19 from a licensed healthcare provider between April 1, 2020 and ~~January 15, 2021~~ the 30th day following the termination of the state of emergency declared in response to COVID-19 pursuant to Executive Order 01-20 and, not more than 14 days prior to the date on which the employee is tested or examined, either:

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Sec. 4. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 150, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

Sec. 3. PROSPECTIVE REPEAL

In the absence of legislative action to the contrary, Secs. 1 and 2 of this act are repealed on ~~January 15, 2021~~ the 30th day following the termination of the state of emergency declared in response to COVID-19 pursuant to Executive Order 01-20.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage; except that notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Secs. 2, 3, and 4 shall take effect retroactively on January 15, 2021.

Date Governor signed bill: February 3, 2021