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H.B. No. 34

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to presumptive coverage for first responders that contract COVID-19.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 607.054, Government Code, is amended as follows:

Section 607.054. TUBERCULOSIS, SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19, OR OTHER RESPIRATORY ILLNESS. A public safety employee [~~firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical technician~~] who is diagnosed with the virus SARS-CoV-2 or with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) by a test approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suffers from tuberculosis, or any other disease or illness of the lungs or respiratory tract that has a statistically positive correlation with service as a firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical technician, that results in death or total or partial disability is presumed to have contracted the disease or illness during the course and scope of employment as a firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical technician.

Section 2. This Act takes effect immediately.