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H.B. No. 765

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the prosecution of a capital murder committed against a
3 peace officer or fireman.

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

5 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Richard Houston II
6 Act.

7 SECTION 2. Section 19.03, Penal Code, is amended by adding
8 Subsection (d) to read as follows:

9 (d) For purposes of Subsection (a)(1), the actor is presumed
10 to have known the person murdered was a peace officer or fireman if
11 the person was wearing a distinctive uniform or badge indicating
12 the person's employment as a peace officer or fireman.

13 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
14 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
15 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
16 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
17 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.