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H.B. No. 3335

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to employment activities of certain peace officers
3 responding to an emergency call for purposes of the Texas Workers'
4 Compensation Act.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 401.026, Labor Code, is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 Sec. 401.026. APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN EMERGENCY RESPONSE
9 PERSONNEL. For purposes of this subtitle, the travel of a
10 firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical personnel en route
11 to an emergency call is considered to be in the course and scope of
12 the firefighter's, peace officer's, or emergency medical
13 personnel's employment.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
15 to a claim for workers' compensation benefits based on a
16 compensable injury that occurs on or after the effective date of
17 this Act. A claim based on a compensable injury that occurs before
18 that date is governed by the law as it existed on the date the
19 compensable injury occurred, and the former law is continued in
20 effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.