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H.B. No. 331

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain presumptions applicable to claims for benefits  
or compensation for certain medical conditions brought by certain  
first responders.

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

SECTION 1. Section 607.056, Government Code, is amended to  
read as follows:

Sec. 607.056. ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION OR STROKE. (a) A  
firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical technician who  
suffers an acute myocardial infarction or stroke resulting in  
disability or death is presumed to have suffered the disability or  
death during the course and scope of employment as a firefighter,  
peace officer, or emergency medical technician if:

(1) while on duty, the firefighter, peace officer, or  
emergency medical technician:

(A) was engaged in a situation that involved  
~~[nonroutine]~~ stressful or strenuous physical activity involving  
fire suppression, rescue, hazardous material response, emergency  
medical services, law enforcement, or other emergency response  
activity; or

(B) participated in a training exercise that  
involved ~~[nonroutine]~~ stressful or strenuous physical activity;  
and

(2) the acute myocardial infarction or stroke occurred

1 not later than eight hours after the end of a shift in which ~~[while]~~  
2 the firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical technician was  
3 engaging in the activity described under Subdivision (1).

4 (b) For purposes of this section, "~~nonroutine~~ stressful  
5 or strenuous physical activity" does not include clerical,  
6 administrative, or nonmanual activities.

7 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
8 a claim for benefits or compensation brought on or after the  
9 effective date of this Act. A claim for benefits or compensation  
10 brought before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law  
11 in effect on the date the claim was made, and the former law is  
12 continued in effect for that purpose.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.