

Amend CSHB 2359 as follows:

(1) Add new SECTION 7 to read as follows and renumber the subsequent sections appropriately:

"SECTION 7. Section 615.003, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 615.003. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to eligible survivors of the following individuals:

(1) an individual elected, appointed, or employed as a peace officer by the state or a political subdivision of the state under Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or other law;

(2) a paid probation officer appointed by the director of a community supervision and corrections department who has the duties set out in Section 76.002 and the qualifications set out in Section 76.005, or who was appointed in accordance with prior law;

(3) a parole officer employed by the pardons and paroles division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice who has the duties set out in Section 508.001 and the qualifications set out in Section 508.113 or in prior law;

(4) a paid jailer;

(5) a member of an organized police reserve or auxiliary unit who regularly assists peace officers in enforcing criminal laws;

(6) a member of the class of employees of the institutional division or the state jail division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice formally designated as custodial personnel under Section 615.006 by the Texas Board of Criminal Justice or its predecessor in function;

(7) a jailer or guard of a county jail who is appointed by the sheriff and who:

(A) performs a security, custodial, or supervisory function over the admittance, confinement, or discharge of prisoners; and

(B) is certified by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education;

(8) a juvenile correctional employee of the Texas Youth Commission;

(9) an employee of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation who:

(A) works at the department's maximum security unit; or

(B) performs on-site services for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

(10) an individual who is employed by the state or a political or legal subdivision and is subject to certification by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection;

(11) an individual employed by the state or a political or legal subdivision whose principal duties are aircraft crash and rescue fire fighting;

(12) a member of an organized volunteer fire-fighting unit that:

(A) renders fire-fighting services without remuneration; and

(B) [~~consists of not fewer than 20 active members, a majority of whom are present at each meeting, and~~

[~~(C)~~] conducts a minimum of two drills each month, each two hours long; or

(13) an individual who:

(A) performs emergency medical services or operates an ambulance;

(B) is employed by a political subdivision of the state or is an emergency medical services volunteer as defined by Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code; and

(C) is qualified as an emergency care attendant or at a higher level of training under Section 773.046, 773.047, 773.048, 773.049, or 773.0495, Health and Safety Code."

(2) Amend SECTION 42 by adding subsection (e) to read as follows:

"(e) The change in law made by this Act to Section 615.003, Government Code, relating to the death of a member of an organized volunteer fire-fighting unit applies only in relation to a death that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. Matters regarding eligibility, payment, and benefits under Chapter 615, Government Code, in relation to a death that occurs before the

effective date of this Act are governed by the law in effect when the death occurs, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose."