

1-1 By: Kuempel (Senate Sponsor - Armbrister) H.B. No. 2237
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2003;
1-3 May 13, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 24, 2003, reported adversely,
1-5 with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-6 Nays 0; May 24, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2237 By: Gallegos

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the financial assistance for the eligible survivor of a
1-11 member of an organized volunteer fire-fighting unit.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 615.003, Government Code, is amended to
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 615.003. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to
1-16 eligible survivors of the following individuals:

1-17 (1) an individual elected, appointed, or employed as a
1-18 peace officer by the state or a political subdivision of the state
1-19 under Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or other law;

1-20 (2) a paid probation officer appointed by the director
1-21 of a community supervision and corrections department who has the
1-22 duties set out in Section 76.002 and the qualifications set out in
1-23 Section 76.005, or who was appointed in accordance with prior law;

1-24 (3) a parole officer employed by the pardons and
1-25 paroles division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice who
1-26 has the duties set out in Section 508.001 and the qualifications set
1-27 out in Section 508.113 or in prior law;

1-28 (4) a paid jailer;

1-29 (5) a member of an organized police reserve or
1-30 auxiliary unit who regularly assists peace officers in enforcing
1-31 criminal laws;

1-32 (6) a member of the class of employees of the
1-33 institutional division or the state jail division of the Texas
1-34 Department of Criminal Justice formally designated as custodial
1-35 personnel under Section 615.006 by the Texas Board of Criminal
1-36 Justice or its predecessor in function;

1-37 (7) a jailer or guard of a county jail who is appointed
1-38 by the sheriff and who:

1-39 (A) performs a security, custodial, or
1-40 supervisory function over the admittance, confinement, or
1-41 discharge of prisoners; and

1-42 (B) is certified by the Commission on Law
1-43 Enforcement Officer Standards and Education;

1-44 (8) a juvenile correctional employee of the Texas
1-45 Youth Commission;

1-46 (9) an employee of the Texas Department of Mental
1-47 Health and Mental Retardation who:

1-48 (A) works at the department's maximum security
1-49 unit; or

1-50 (B) performs on-site services for the Texas
1-51 Department of Criminal Justice;

1-52 (10) an individual who is employed by the state or a
1-53 political or legal subdivision and is subject to certification by
1-54 the Texas Commission on Fire Protection;

1-55 (11) an individual employed by the state or a
1-56 political or legal subdivision whose principal duties are aircraft
1-57 crash and rescue fire fighting;

1-58 (12) a member of an organized volunteer fire-fighting
1-59 unit that:

1-60 (A) renders fire-fighting services without
1-61 remuneration; and

1-62 (B) ~~[consists of not fewer than 20 active~~
1-63 ~~members, a majority of whom are present at each meeting, and~~

