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H.B. No. 2492

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to continued health insurance benefits for eligible  
3 surviving spouses of certain officers and employees of political  
4 subdivisions.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 615.073(b), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) An eligible surviving spouse of a deceased individual  
9 listed in Section 615.071 who was employed by a political  
10 subdivision of the state is entitled to purchase continued health  
11 insurance benefits from the political subdivision that employed the  
12 deceased individual, including health coverage:

13 (1) provided by or through a political subdivision  
14 under:

15 (A) a health insurance policy or health benefit  
16 plan written by a health insurer; or

17 (B) a self-insured health benefits plan; or

18 (2) under Chapter 172, Local Government Code.

19 SECTION 2. This Act is intended to clarify the law in effect  
20 and being administered immediately before the effective date of  
21 this Act.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.