

1-1 By: Madla, Van de Putte S.B. No. 482  
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 482 By: Nelson

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

1-10 relating to certain chaplains killed in the line of duty.  
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-12 SECTION 1. Section 615.003, Government Code, is amended to  
1-13 read as follows:  
1-14 Sec. 615.003. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to  
1-15 eligible survivors of the following individuals:  
1-16 (1) an individual elected, appointed, or employed as a  
1-17 peace officer by the state or a political subdivision of the state  
1-18 under Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or other law;  
1-19 (2) a paid probation officer appointed by the director  
1-20 of a community supervision and corrections department who has the  
1-21 duties set out in Section 76.002 and the qualifications set out in  
1-22 Section 76.005, or who was appointed in accordance with prior law;  
1-23 (3) a parole officer employed by the pardons and  
1-24 paroles division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice who  
1-25 has the duties set out in Section 508.001 and the qualifications set  
1-26 out in Section 508.113 or in prior law;  
1-27 (4) a paid jailer;  
1-28 (5) a member of an organized police reserve or  
1-29 auxiliary unit who regularly assists peace officers in enforcing  
1-30 criminal laws;  
1-31 (6) a member of the class of employees of the  
1-32 institutional division or the state jail division of the Texas  
1-33 Department of Criminal Justice formally designated as custodial  
1-34 personnel under Section 615.006 by the Texas Board of Criminal  
1-35 Justice or its predecessor in function;  
1-36 (7) a jailer or guard of a county jail who is appointed  
1-37 by the sheriff and who:  
1-38 (A) performs a security, custodial, or  
1-39 supervisory function over the admittance, confinement, or  
1-40 discharge of prisoners; and  
1-41 (B) is certified by the Commission on Law  
1-42 Enforcement Officer Standards and Education;  
1-43 (8) a juvenile correctional employee of the Texas  
1-44 Youth Commission;  
1-45 (9) an employee of the Texas Department of Mental  
1-46 Health and Mental Retardation who:  
1-47 (A) works at the department's maximum security  
1-48 unit; or  
1-49 (B) performs on-site services for the Texas  
1-50 Department of Criminal Justice;  
1-51 (10) an individual who is employed by the state or a  
1-52 political or legal subdivision and is subject to certification by  
1-53 the Texas Commission on Fire Protection;  
1-54 (11) an individual employed by the state or a  
1-55 political or legal subdivision whose principal duties are aircraft  
1-56 crash and rescue fire fighting;  
1-57 (12) a member of an organized volunteer fire-fighting  
1-58 unit that:  
1-59 (A) renders fire-fighting services without  
1-60 remuneration;  
1-61 (B) consists of not fewer than 20 active members,  
1-62 a majority of whom are present at each meeting; and  
1-63 (C) conducts a minimum of two drills each month,

2-1 each two hours long; [~~or~~]

2-2 (13) an individual who:

2-3 (A) performs emergency medical services or  
2-4 operates an ambulance;

2-5 (B) is employed by a political subdivision of the  
2-6 state or is an emergency medical services volunteer as defined by  
2-7 Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code; and

2-8 (C) is qualified as an emergency care attendant  
2-9 or at a higher level of training under Section 773.046, 773.047,  
2-10 773.048, 773.049, or 773.0495, Health and Safety Code; or

2-11 (14) an individual who is employed or formally  
2-12 designated as a chaplain for:

2-13 (A) an organized volunteer fire-fighting unit or  
2-14 other fire department of this state or of a political subdivision of  
2-15 this state;

2-16 (B) a law enforcement agency of this state or of a  
2-17 political subdivision of this state; or

2-18 (C) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

2-19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
2-20 615.003, Government Code, relating to the death of certain  
2-21 chaplains applies only in relation to a death that occurs on or  
2-22 after the effective date of this Act. Matters regarding  
2-23 eligibility, payment, and benefits under Chapter 615, Government  
2-24 Code, in relation to a death that occurs before the effective date  
2-25 of this Act are governed by the law in effect when the death occurs,  
2-26 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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