

1-1 By: McClendon, Escobar (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) H.B. No. 70
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 6, 2005;
1-3 April 7, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 9, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 9, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the expedited payment of the lump-sum death benefit for
1-9 members of the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 814.501(a), Government Code, is amended
1-12 to read as follows:

1-13 (a) A lump-sum death benefit in the amount of \$5,000 is
1-14 payable if the board of trustees receives proof satisfactory to it
1-15 of the death, on or after September 1, 1975, of a person retired
1-16 under a retirement system administered by the board. The board by
1-17 rule shall adopt procedures to provide for the payment of this
1-18 benefit not later than the seventh day after the date the board
1-19 receives the required proof of death.

1-20 SECTION 2. The board of trustees of the Employees
1-21 Retirement System of Texas shall adopt the rules required by
1-22 Section 814.501(a), Government Code, as amended by this Act, not
1-23 later than November 1, 2005.

1-24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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