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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reimbursement of medical expenses incurred by county jailers and detention officers exposed to certain contagious diseases.

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

SECTION 1. Section 607.001, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 607.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "public safety employee" means a peace officer, fire fighter, detention officer, county jailer, or emergency medical services employee of this [~~the~~] state or a political subdivision of this [~~the~~] state.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section 607.001, Government Code, apply only to an exposure to a contagious disease that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. An exposure that occurs before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the exposure occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.