Amend **CSHB 2605** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the proposed substitute and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION____. Subchapter C, Chapter 504, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 504.056 to read as follows:

Section 504.056 INTENT OF EXPEDITED PROVISION OF MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN INJURIES SUSTAINED BY FIRST RESPONDER IN COURSE AND SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT.

The purpose of section 504.054 is to ensure that an injured first responder's claim for medical benefits is accelerated by a political subdivision, insurance carrier, and the division to the full extent authorized by current law.