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H.B. No. 956

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the state fire marshal's investigation of the death of a  
3 firefighter who dies in the line of duty or in connection with an  
4 on-duty incident.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 417.0075(b), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) If a firefighter dies in the line of duty or if the  
9 firefighter's death occurs in connection with an on-duty [~~a~~  
10 ~~fire-fighting~~] incident in this state, the state fire marshal shall  
11 investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of the  
12 firefighter, including any [~~the cause and origin of the fire, the~~  
13 ~~condition of the structure, and the suppression operation, to~~  
14 ~~determine the~~] factors that may have contributed to the death of the  
15 firefighter.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.