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H.B. No. 1094

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to workers' compensation death benefit eligibility for
3 certain spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 408.183, Labor Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

7 (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), an eligible spouse
8 who remarried is eligible for death benefits for life if the
9 employee was a first responder, as defined by Section 504.055, who
10 suffered death in the course and scope of employment or while
11 providing services as a volunteer.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
13 408.183, Labor Code, applies only to a claim for workers'
14 compensation benefits based on a compensable injury that occurs on
15 or after the effective date of this Act. A claim based on a
16 compensable injury that occurs before that date is governed by the
17 law as it existed on the date the compensable injury occurred, and
18 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.