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S.B. No. 653

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to increasing the amount of burial benefits required to be  
3 paid by an insurance carrier under the workers' compensation  
4 system.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 408.186(a), Labor Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (a) If the death of an employee results from a compensable  
9 injury, the insurance carrier shall pay to the person who incurred  
10 liability for the costs of burial the lesser of:

11 (1) the actual costs incurred for reasonable burial  
12 expenses; or

13 (2) \$10,000 [~~\$6,000~~].

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a  
15 claim for workers' compensation burial benefits based on a  
16 compensable injury that occurs on or after the effective date of  
17 this Act. A claim based on a compensable injury that occurs before  
18 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on  
19 the date the compensable injury occurred, and the former law is  
20 continued in effect for that purpose.

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