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H.B. No. 2055

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to workers' compensation death benefit eligibility of
3 certain spouses.

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

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

7 (b) An eligible spouse is entitled to receive death benefits
8 for life, regardless of whether the spouse remarries [~~or until~~
9 ~~remarriage. On remarriage, the eligible spouse is entitled to~~
10 ~~receive 104 weeks of death benefits, commuted as provided by~~
11 ~~commissioner rule~~].

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

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.