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H.B. No. 2119

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(b-1), Labor Code, is amended to
6 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. This subsection applies
12 regardless of the date on which the death of the first responder
13 occurred.

14 SECTION 2. Section 2, Chapter 1018 (H.B. 1094), Acts of the
15 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is repealed.

16 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section
17 408.183, Labor Code, applies only to an eligible spouse who
18 remarries on or after the effective date of this Act. An eligible
19 spouse who remarried before that date is governed by the law as it
20 existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the
21 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.