

1-1 By: Kacal, et al. (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 2119
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2017;
 1-3 May 11, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
 1-4 & Commerce; May 21, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 1; May 21, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to workers' compensation death benefit eligibility for
 1-20 certain spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 408.183(b-1), Labor Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), an eligible spouse
 1-25 who remarried is eligible for death benefits for life if the
 1-26 employee was a first responder, as defined by Section 504.055, who
 1-27 suffered death in the course and scope of employment or while
 1-28 providing services as a volunteer. This subsection applies
 1-29 regardless of the date on which the death of the first responder
 1-30 occurred.

1-31 SECTION 2. Section 2, Chapter 1018 (H.B. 1094), Acts of the
 1-32 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is repealed.

1-33 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section
 1-34 408.183, Labor Code, applies only to an eligible spouse who
 1-35 remarries on or after the effective date of this Act. An eligible
 1-36 spouse who remarried before that date is governed by the law as it
 1-37 existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the
 1-38 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-39 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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