

1-1 By: Kacal, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez) H.B. No. 2503  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2019;  
 1-3 May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Business  
 1-4 & Commerce; May 20, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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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 certain employees 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, or an  
 1-27 individual described by Section 615.003(1), Government Code, or  
 1-28 Section 501.001(5)(F), who suffered death in the course and scope  
 1-29 of employment or while providing services as a volunteer. This  
 1-30 subsection applies regardless of the date on which the death of the  
 1-31 first responder or other individual occurred.

1-32 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
 1-33 408.183(b-1), Labor Code, applies only to an eligible spouse who  
 1-34 remarries on or after the effective date of this Act. An eligible  
 1-35 spouse who remarried before that date is governed by the law as it  
 1-36 existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the  
 1-37 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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