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S.B. No. 1365

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to workers' compensation death benefit eligibility for
3 certain spouses of first responders and certain other public
4 servants killed in the line of duty.

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

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

8 (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), an eligible spouse
9 who remarried is eligible for death benefits for life if the
10 employee was a first responder, as defined by Section 504.055, or an
11 individual described by Section 501.001(5)(F), who suffered death
12 in the course and scope of employment or while providing services as
13 a volunteer. This subsection applies regardless of the date on
14 which the death of the first responder or other individual
15 occurred.

16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
17 408.183(b-1), 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 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.