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By:  Johnson of Dallas, Patterson, Vo H.B. No. 2036

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of close relative of a deceased victim for purposes of certain laws relating to the release of an inmate on parole or to mandatory supervision.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 508.117(g)(1), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1)  "Close relative of a deceased victim" means a person who, regardless of whether the victim's death was related to the offense committed, was:

(A)  the spouse of the victim at the time of the victim's death;

(B)  a parent of the deceased victim;

(C)  an adult brother, sister, or child of the deceased victim; or

(D)  the nearest relative of the deceased victim by consanguinity, if the persons described by Paragraphs (A) through (C) are deceased or are incapacitated due to physical or mental illness or infirmity.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.