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

     (Senate Sponsor - Huffman)

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2021; May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice; May 22, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 22, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Whitmire        X

Huffman         X

Bettencourt     X

Birdwell        X

Hinojosa        X

Miles           X

Nichols         X

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.

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