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S.B. No. 852

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of victim for purposes of the Crime Victims' Compensation Act.

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

SECTION 1. Article 56B.003(14), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(14) "Victim" means:

(A) an individual who [+

~~[-(i)]~~ suffers personal injury or death as a result of criminally injurious conduct or as a result of actions taken by the individual as an intervenor, if the conduct or actions occurred in this state; ~~and~~

~~[-(ii) is a resident of this state or another state of the United States,]~~

(B) an individual who:

(i) suffers personal injury or death as a result of criminally injurious conduct or as a result of actions taken by the individual as an intervenor, if the conduct or actions occurred in a state or country that does not have a crime victims' compensation program that meets the requirements of Section 1403(b), Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C. Section 20102(b));

(ii) is a resident of this state; and

(iii) would be entitled to compensation under this chapter if the criminally injurious conduct or actions

1 had occurred in this state; or

2 (C) an individual who:

3 (i) suffers personal injury or death as a
4 result of criminally injurious conduct caused by an act of
5 international terrorism as defined by 18 U.S.C. Section 2331
6 committed outside of the United States; and

7 (ii) is a resident of this state.

8 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
9 to compensation for criminally injurious conduct occurring on or
10 after the effective date of this Act. Compensation for criminally
11 injurious conduct occurring before the effective date of this Act
12 is governed by the law in effect on the date the conduct occurred,
13 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
14 purposes of this section, criminally injurious conduct occurred
15 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense
16 underlying the conduct occurred before that date.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.