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S.B. No. 2761

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to benefits provided to eligible survivors of certain public safety employees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 615.021(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A survivor of an individual listed under Section 615.003 is eligible for the payment of assistance under this chapter if:

(1) the listed individual:

(A) died as a result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in the individual's position as described by Section 615.003; or

(B) died as a result of an acute myocardial infarction or stroke during or not later than 24 hours after the performance of actions in the line of duty in the individual's position as described by Section 615.003; and

(2) the survivor is:

(A) the surviving spouse of the listed individual;

(B) a surviving child of the listed individual, if there is no surviving spouse; or

(C) a surviving parent of the listed individual, if there is no surviving spouse or child.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section

1 615.021, Government Code, apply only in relation to a death that
2 occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. Matters
3 regarding eligibility under Chapter 615, Government Code, in
4 relation to a death that occurs before the effective date of this
5 Act, are governed by the law in effect on the date the death
6 occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that
7 purpose.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.