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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of "close relative of a deceased victim" for purposes of the rights of certain crime victims.

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

SECTION 1. Article 56A.001(3), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Close relative of a deceased victim" means:

(A) a person who:

(i) [~~(A)~~] was the spouse of a deceased victim at the time of the victim's death; or

(ii) [~~(B)~~] is a parent or adult brother, sister, or child of a deceased victim; or

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

SECTION 2. Section 57.001(1), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Close relative of a deceased victim" means:

(A) a person who was the spouse of a deceased victim at the time of the victim's death or who is a parent or adult brother, sister, or child of the deceased victim; or

(B) the nearest relative of the victim by consanguinity, if the persons described by Paragraph (A) are

deceased or are incapacitated due to physical or mental illness or infirmity.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to criminally injurious conduct that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. Criminally injurious conduct that occurred before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the conduct occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.