

1-1 By: Geren, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Eltife) H.B. No. 1094
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2015;
 1-3 May 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
 1-4 and Commerce; May 22, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13			X	
1-14	X			
1-15			X	
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1094 By: Eltife

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to workers' compensation death benefit eligibility for
 1-22 certain spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 408.183, Labor Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1-26 (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), an eligible spouse
 1-27 who remarried is eligible for death benefits for life if the
 1-28 employee was a first responder, as defined by Section 504.055, who
 1-29 suffered death in the course and scope of employment or while
 1-30 providing services as a volunteer.

1-31 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
 1-32 408.183, Labor Code, applies only to a claim for workers'
 1-33 compensation benefits based on a compensable injury that occurs on
 1-34 or after the effective date of this Act. A claim based on a
 1-35 compensable injury that occurs before that date is governed by the
 1-36 law as it existed on the date the compensable injury occurred, and
 1-37 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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