

1-1 By: Patterson, et al. H.B. No. 331  
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa of Hidalgo)  
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;  
1-4 May 1, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local  
1-5 Government; May 6, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-6 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 6, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Middleton	X			
1-11 Cook	X			
1-12 Gutierrez	X			
1-13 Nichols	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 West			X	

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to certain presumptions applicable to claims for benefits  
1-19 or compensation for certain medical conditions brought by certain  
1-20 first responders.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 607.056, Government Code, is amended to  
1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 607.056. ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION OR STROKE. (a) A  
1-25 firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical technician who  
1-26 suffers an acute myocardial infarction or stroke resulting in  
1-27 disability or death is presumed to have suffered the disability or  
1-28 death during the course and scope of employment as a firefighter,  
1-29 peace officer, or emergency medical technician if:

1-30 (1) while on duty, the firefighter, peace officer, or  
1-31 emergency medical technician:

1-32 (A) was engaged in a situation that involved  
1-33 ~~[nonroutine]~~ stressful or strenuous physical activity involving  
1-34 fire suppression, rescue, hazardous material response, emergency  
1-35 medical services, law enforcement, or other emergency response  
1-36 activity; or

1-37 (B) participated in a training exercise that  
1-38 involved ~~[nonroutine]~~ stressful or strenuous physical activity;  
1-39 and

1-40 (2) the acute myocardial infarction or stroke occurred  
1-41 not later than eight hours after the end of a shift in which ~~[while]~~  
1-42 the firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical technician was  
1-43 engaging in the activity described under Subdivision (1).

1-44 (b) For purposes of this section, "~~[nonroutine]~~ stressful  
1-45 or strenuous physical activity" does not include clerical,  
1-46 administrative, or nonmanual activities.

1-47 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
1-48 a claim for benefits or compensation brought on or after the  
1-49 effective date of this Act. A claim for benefits or compensation  
1-50 brought before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law  
1-51 in effect on the date the claim was made, and the former law is  
1-52 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-53 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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