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HB No. 128

Abstract: Authorizes the surviving spouse or children of firemen and law enforcement officers employed by a federally or state recognized Indian tribe or tribal unit to receive compensation.

<u>Present law</u> provides for financial security in certain cases, for surviving spouses and children of firemen or officers who suffer death as a result of an injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of his official duties as a fireman or officer, or arising out of any activity while on or off duty, in his capacity as a fireman or officer, in the protection of life and property. Further provides for the definition of firemen and law enforcement officer.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds any regularly employed firemen of any federally or state recognized Indian tribe or tribal unit to the definition of firemen.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds any full-time tribal law enforcement officer employed by a federally or state recognized Indian tribe or tribal unit to the definition of law enforcement officer.

(Amends R.S. 33:1981(B); Adds R.S. 33:2201(B)(21))