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HOUSE BILL NO. 128

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Provides for survivors benefits for tribal police officers and firemen

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1981(B) and to enact R.S. 33:2201(B)(21) and (22), relative
3 to survivor's benefits for firemen and law enforcement officers; to provide for
4 compensation for the surviving spouses and children of firemen and law enforcement
5 officers employed by certain Indian tribes or tribal units, correctional officers
6 employed by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to provide
7 for the definition of firemen and law enforcement officer; and to provide for related
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:1981(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
11 33:2201(B)(21) and (22) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §1981. Financial security for surviving spouses and children of firemen in certain
13 cases

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15 B. Firemen, within the meaning of this Section, shall include all paid,
16 regularly employed firemen, and all volunteer firemen, of any municipality, parish,

1 federally or state recognized Indian tribe or tribal unit, or fire protection district
2 maintaining a fire department, or of any volunteer fire department.

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4 §2201. Financial security for surviving spouses and children of law enforcement
5 officers in certain cases

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7 B. Law enforcement officers, within the meaning of this Section, shall
8 include:

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10 (21) All full-time tribal law enforcement officers regularly employed by a
11 federally or state recognized Indian tribe or tribal unit.

12 (22) All full-time correctional officers employed by the Louisiana
13 Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the surviving spouse or children of firemen, law enforcement officers, and correctional officers to receive compensation under certain circumstances.

Present law 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.

Proposed law includes any regularly employed or volunteer fireman of any federally or state recognized Indian tribe or tribal unit within the definition of firemen. Proposed law includes any full-time tribal law enforcement officer employed by a federally or state recognized Indian tribe or tribal unit and any full-time correctional officer employed by the La. Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections within the definition of law enforcement officer.

(Amends R.S. 33:1981(B); Adds R.S. 33:2201(B)(21) and (22))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Includes any full-time correctional officer employed by the La. Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections within the definition of law enforcement officer.