

1 AN ACT

2 relating to certain notifications made by the Texas Department of  
3 Criminal Justice to close relatives of deceased victims.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 508.117(g)(1), Government Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) "Close relative of a deceased victim" means a  
8 person who was:

9 (A) the spouse of the victim at the time of the  
10 victim's death;

11 (B) a parent of the deceased victim; ~~or~~

12 (C) an adult brother, sister, or child of the  
13 deceased victim; or

14 (D) the nearest relative of the deceased victim  
15 by consanguinity, if the persons described by Paragraphs (A)  
16 through (C) are deceased or are incapacitated due to physical or  
17 mental illness or infirmity.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Sutherland

President of the Senate

Tom Caddell

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 309 was passed by the House on April 12, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 309 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Ratay Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 15 JUN 07

Date

RICK PERRY  
Governor

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Roger Williams  
Secretary of State