

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

**HB 608**

**2021 Regular Session**

**Gaines**

TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Provides for \$100,000 death benefit for an employee of the Department of Transportation and Development who is killed in a hazardous situation in the course and scope of his employment

<b>Synopsis of Senate Amendments</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Makes a technical change.</li> </ol>



### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law establishes as public policy of the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) the provision of financial security to the families of deceased DOTD workers who suffer death as a result of any injury arising out of a hazardous situation, while in the course and scope of employment.

Proposed law requires the payment of \$100,000 in death benefits to the surviving spouse of a DOTD worker who suffers death as a result of any injury arising out of a hazardous situation, while in the course and scope of employment.

Proposed law specifies that in absence of a surviving spouse, the child or children of a DOTD worker who suffers death as a result of any injury arising out of a hazardous situation, while in the course and scope of employment, and the death is not the result of an intentional act will be paid \$100,000 in death benefits.

Proposed law specifies that in absence of a surviving spouse or children, the named beneficiary of a DOTD worker who suffers death as a result of any injury arising out of a hazardous situation, while in the course and scope of employment, will be paid \$100,000 in death benefits.

Proposed law specifies that in absence of a surviving spouse, children, or a named beneficiary, the estate of a DOTD worker who suffers death as a result of any injury arising out of a hazardous situation, while in the course and scope of employment, will be paid \$100,000 in death benefits.

Proposed law requires that the \$100,000 death benefit payment be paid out of the Transportation Trust Fund. Requires that all recipients of the death benefit waive all rights to sue the department.

Proposed law requires the department promulgate rules as necessary to implement provisions of proposed law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 48:2211)