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## DIGEST

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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.

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 adds any regularly employed firemen of any federally or state recognized Indian tribe or tribal unit to the definition of firemen.

Proposed law 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))