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S.B. No. 2133

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to emergency planning for the transportation of certain end stage renal disease facility patients during a declared disaster.

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

SECTION 1. Section 773.050, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(j) Consistent with rules adopted under Section 773.112, the executive commissioner by rule shall require that each applicable emergency medical services provider have a plan for providing a dialysis patient who places an emergency 9-1-1 telephone call during a declared disaster an alternative mode of transportation directly to and from an outpatient end stage renal disease facility if the patient's normal and alternative modes of transportation cannot be used during the disaster. An emergency medical services provider's plan under this subsection may prioritize providing transportation for a patient suffering from an acute emergency condition over transportation for a dialysis patient. For purposes of this subsection:

(1) "Disaster" has the meaning assigned by Section 418.004, Government Code. The term includes a disaster declared by:

(A) the president of the United States under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42

1 U.S.C. Section 5121 et seq.); and

2 (B) the governor under Section 418.014,
3 Government Code.

4 (2) "End stage renal disease facility" has the meaning
5 assigned by Section 251.001.

6 SECTION 2. Section 773.112(d), Health and Safety Code, is
7 repealed.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.