

AN ACT

relating to the qualifications of a volunteer emergency care attendant.

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

SECTION 1. Section 773.046, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 773.046. EMERGENCY CARE ATTENDANT QUALIFICATIONS. (a) An individual qualifies as an emergency care attendant if the individual is certified by the department as minimally proficient to provide emergency prehospital care by providing initial aid that promotes comfort and avoids aggravation of an injury or illness.

(b) The department may not require an individual to have a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate for certification as an emergency care attendant under this chapter if the individual certifies that the individual will serve only as an emergency care attendant volunteer during the certification period.

(c) The board shall adopt rules as necessary to administer this section.

SECTION 2. The Texas Board of Health shall adopt the rules necessary under Section 773.046, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, not later than January 1, 2004.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section 773.046, Health and Safety Code, applies only to an individual who

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1 files an application for certification as an emergency care
2 attendant volunteer on or after January 1, 2004.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 861 was passed by the House on April 10, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 861 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor