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H.B. No. 861

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the qualifications of a volunteer emergency care
3 attendant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section
24 773.046, 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.