

1-1 By: McReynolds (Senate Sponsor - Madla) H.B. No. 861
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2003;
1-3 April 15, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 7, 2003, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 7, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the qualifications of a volunteer emergency care
1-9 attendant.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 773.046, Health and Safety Code, is
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 773.046. EMERGENCY CARE ATTENDANT QUALIFICATIONS. (a)
1-14 An individual qualifies as an emergency care attendant if the
1-15 individual is certified by the department as minimally proficient
1-16 to provide emergency prehospital care by providing initial aid that
1-17 promotes comfort and avoids aggravation of an injury or illness.

1-18 (b) The department may not require an individual to have a
1-19 high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate for
1-20 certification as an emergency care attendant under this chapter if
1-21 the individual certifies that the individual will serve only as an
1-22 emergency care attendant volunteer during the certification
1-23 period.

1-24 (c) The board shall adopt rules as necessary to administer
1-25 this section.

1-26 SECTION 2. The Texas Board of Health shall adopt the rules
1-27 necessary under Section 773.046, Health and Safety Code, as amended
1-28 by this Act, not later than January 1, 2004.

1-29 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section
1-30 773.046, Health and Safety Code, applies only to an individual who
1-31 files an application for certification as an emergency care
1-32 attendant volunteer on or after January 1, 2004.

1-33 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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