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H.B. No. 2539

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the requirements for transporting patients in certain
3 vehicles.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 773.004, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) This chapter does not apply to:

9 (1) a ground transfer vehicle and staff used to
10 transport a patient who is under a physician's care between medical
11 facilities or between a medical facility and a private residence,
12 except as provided by Subsection (c);

13 (2) ground or air transfer that does not advertise as
14 an ambulance service and that is not licensed by the department;

15 (3) the use of ground or air transfer vehicles to
16 transport sick or injured persons in a casualty situation that
17 exceeds the basic vehicular capacity or capability of emergency
18 medical services providers in the area;

19 (4) an industrial ambulance; or

20 (5) a physician, registered nurse, or other health
21 care practitioner licensed by this state unless the health care
22 practitioner staffs an emergency medical services vehicle
23 regularly.

24 (c) This chapter applies to a vehicle regularly used to

1 transport patients between medical facilities or between a medical
2 facility and a private residence unless a licensed health care
3 provider is in the vehicle while transporting a patient.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.