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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to allowing certain emergency and hospital personnel to
3 take the thumbprint of certain people who receive emergency
4 prehospital care.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 773, Health and Safety
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 773.015 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 773.015. IDENTIFICATION OF CERTAIN PATIENTS RECEIVING
9 EMERGENCY PREHOSPITAL CARE. Emergency medical services personnel
10 or emergency room medical or admissions personnel may take the
11 thumbprint of a person who receives emergency prehospital care if
12 the person:

13 (1) does not possess personal identification at the
14 time the care is administered;

15 (2) is unconscious;

16 (3) is transported across the Texas-Mexico border by
17 ambulance or helicopter while receiving emergency prehospital
18 care; and

19 (4) is delivered to a hospital that has digital
20 fingerprinting capabilities.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.