

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

(2) is unconscious;

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 805 was passed by the House on April 22, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 805 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor