

1-1 By: Martinez (Senate Sponsor - Carono) H.B. No. 805  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 25, 2005;  
1-3 April 26, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 11, 2005, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 11, 2005,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to allowing certain emergency and hospital personnel to  
1-10 take the thumbprint of certain people who receive emergency  
1-11 prehospital care.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 773, Health and Safety  
1-14 Code, is amended by adding Section 773.015 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 773.015. IDENTIFICATION OF CERTAIN PATIENTS RECEIVING  
1-16 EMERGENCY PREHOSPITAL CARE. Emergency medical services personnel  
1-17 or emergency room medical or admissions personnel may take the  
1-18 thumbprint of a person who receives emergency prehospital care if  
1-19 the person:

1-20 (1) does not possess personal identification at the  
1-21 time the care is administered;

1-22 (2) is unconscious;

1-23 (3) is transported across the Texas-Mexico border by  
1-24 ambulance or helicopter while receiving emergency prehospital  
1-25 care; and

1-26 (4) is delivered to a hospital that has digital  
1-27 fingerprinting capabilities.

1-28 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

1-29 \* \* \* \* \*