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H.B. No. 1126

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to emergency medical services vehicles and personnel.

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

SECTION 1. Section 773.004(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) This chapter does not apply to:

(1) a ground transfer vehicle and staff used to transport a patient who is under a physician's care between medical facilities or between a medical facility and a private residence, unless it is medically necessary to transport the patient using a stretcher;

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

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

(4) an industrial ambulance; or

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

SECTION 2. Section 773.042, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 Sec. 773.042. BASIC LIFE-SUPPORT EMERGENCY MEDICAL
2 SERVICES PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS. A provider qualifies as a basic
3 life-support emergency medical services provider if it provides a
4 vehicle that is designed for transporting the sick or injured,
5 ~~and~~ has personnel and sufficient equipment and supplies for
6 providing basic life support, and is capable of providing emergency
7 and nonemergency transportation.

8 SECTION 3. Section 773.057, Health and Safety Code, is
9 amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

10 (e) In addition to any other qualifications that an
11 emergency medical services provider must possess to obtain the type
12 of license sought, all emergency medical services providers must
13 possess the qualifications required for a basic emergency medical
14 services provider under Section 773.042.

15 SECTION 4. Section 143.005, Local Government Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 143.005. STATUS OF EMPLOYEES IF CHAPTER ADOPTED. (a)
18 Each fire fighter or police officer serving in a municipality that
19 adopts this chapter and who has been in the service of the
20 municipality for more than six months at the time this chapter is
21 adopted and who is entitled to civil service classification has the
22 status of a civil service employee and is not required to take a
23 competitive examination to remain in the position the person
24 occupies at the time of the adoption.

25 (b) In a municipality that adopts this chapter, an employee
26 of the fire department whose primary duties are to provide
27 emergency medical services for the municipality is considered to be

1 a fire fighter who is a member of the fire department performing
2 fire medical emergency technology, entitled to civil service
3 protection, and covered by this chapter.

4 SECTION 5. (a) A person or vehicle that becomes subject to
5 Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, and rules adopted under that
6 law as a result of the changes in law made by this Act is not
7 required to comply with Chapter 773 and applicable rules before
8 January 1, 2006.

9 (b) A person who is a licensed emergency medical services
10 provider immediately before the effective date of this Act must
11 meet the requirements of Section 773.042, Health and Safety Code,
12 as amended by this Act, on renewing the license.

13 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.