

1-1 By: Uresti (Senate Sponsor - Madla) H.B. No. 1126  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2005;  
1-3 April 21, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 and Human Services; May 17, 2005, reported adversely, with  
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6,  
1-6 Nays 0; May 17, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1126 By: Lindsay

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to exemptions from the law governing emergency medical  
1-11 services for certain transfer vehicles and staff and to the minimum  
1-12 qualifications for obtaining an emergency medical services  
1-13 provider license.

1-14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-15 SECTION 1. Section 773.004(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
1-16 amended to read as follows:

1-17 (a) This chapter does not apply to:

1-18 (1) a ground transfer vehicle and staff used to  
1-19 transport a patient who is under a physician's care between medical  
1-20 facilities or between a medical facility and a private residence,  
1-21 unless it is medically necessary to transport the patient using a  
1-22 stretcher;

1-23 (2) ~~ground or~~ air transfer that does not advertise  
1-24 as an ambulance service and that is not licensed by the department;

1-25 (3) the use of ground or air transfer vehicles to  
1-26 transport sick or injured persons in a casualty situation that  
1-27 exceeds the basic vehicular capacity or capability of emergency  
1-28 medical services providers in the area;

1-29 (4) an industrial ambulance; or

1-30 (5) a physician, registered nurse, or other health  
1-31 care practitioner licensed by this state unless the health care  
1-32 practitioner staffs an emergency medical services vehicle  
1-33 regularly.

1-34 SECTION 2. Section 773.042, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-35 amended to read as follows:

1-36 Sec. 773.042. BASIC LIFE-SUPPORT EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
1-37 SERVICES PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS. A provider qualifies as a basic  
1-38 life-support emergency medical services provider if it provides a  
1-39 vehicle that is designed for transporting the sick or injured,  
1-40 [and] has personnel and sufficient equipment and supplies for  
1-41 providing basic life support, and is capable of providing emergency  
1-42 and nonemergency transportation.

1-43 SECTION 3. Section 773.057, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-44 amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-45 (e) In addition to any other qualifications that an  
1-46 emergency medical services provider must possess to obtain the type  
1-47 of license sought, all emergency medical services providers must  
1-48 possess the qualifications required for a basic emergency medical  
1-49 services provider under Section 773.042.

1-50 SECTION 4. (a) A person or vehicle that becomes subject to  
1-51 Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, and rules adopted under that  
1-52 law as a result of the changes in law made by this Act is not  
1-53 required to comply with Chapter 773 and applicable rules before  
1-54 June 1, 2006.

1-55 (b) A person who is a licensed emergency medical services  
1-56 provider immediately before the effective date of this Act must  
1-57 meet the requirements of Section 773.042, Health and Safety Code,  
1-58 as amended by this Act, on renewing the license.

1-59 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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