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S.B. No. 521

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to exemptions from the law governing emergency medical  
3 services for certain transfer vehicles and staff and to the minimum  
4 qualifications for obtaining an emergency medical services  
5 provider license.

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

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

9 (a) This chapter does not apply to:

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

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

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

20 (4) an industrial ambulance; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.