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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. Subsection (a), Section 773.004, Health and
1-16 Safety Code, is 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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