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S.B. No. 511

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the qualifications of a person in the chain of command
3 over fire protection personnel.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 419.032, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

7 (f-1) Except as provided by Subsection (f), a person may not
8 be in the chain of command over fire protection personnel and make
9 operational decisions about the performance of a duty listed under
10 Section 419.021(3)(C) unless the person is certified by the
11 commission as fire protection personnel at the appropriate level of
12 certification. This subsection does not prohibit a person who is
13 not certified as fire protection personnel from making decisions
14 about the budget of the fire department.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.