

1-1 By: Uresti S.B. No. 1033
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1033 By: Shapleigh

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

1-10 relating to emergency medical services.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 773.004, Health and
1-13 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) This chapter does not apply to:

1-15 (1) ~~[a ground transfer vehicle and staff used to~~
1-16 ~~transport a patient who is under a physician's care between medical~~
1-17 ~~facilities or between a medical facility and a private residence,~~
1-18 ~~unless it is medically necessary to transport the patient using a~~
1-19 ~~stretcher,~~

1-20 ~~(2)]~~ air transfer that does not advertise as an
1-21 ambulance service and that is not licensed by the department;

1-22 (2) ~~(3)]~~ the use of ground or air transfer vehicles
1-23 to transport sick or injured persons in a casualty situation that
1-24 exceeds the basic vehicular capacity or capability of emergency
1-25 medical services providers in the area;

1-26 (3) ~~(4)]~~ an industrial ambulance; or

1-27 (4) ~~(5)]~~ a physician, registered nurse, or other
1-28 health care practitioner licensed by this state unless the health
1-29 care practitioner staffs an emergency medical services vehicle
1-30 regularly.

1-31 SECTION 2. Section 773.041, Health and Safety Code, is
1-32 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-33 (a-1) A person may not transport a patient by stretcher in a
1-34 vehicle unless the person holds a license as an emergency medical
1-35 services provider issued by the department in accordance with this
1-36 chapter. For purposes of this subsection, "person" means an
1-37 individual, corporation, organization, government, governmental
1-38 subdivision or agency, business, trust, partnership, association,
1-39 or any other legal entity.

1-40 SECTION 3. Not later than November 1, 2007, the executive
1-41 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
1-42 adopt the rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by
1-43 this Act to Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code.

1-44 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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