

AN ACT

relating to registration for evacuation and disaster preparedness for clients of home and community support services agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 142, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 142.0201 to read as follows:

Sec. 142.0201. REGISTRATION FOR EVACUATION; DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. A home and community support services agency shall:

(1) assist clients as necessary with registering for disaster evacuation assistance through 2-1-1 services provided by the Texas Information and Referral Network; and

(2) counsel clients as necessary regarding disaster preparedness.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2558 was passed by the House on April 2, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2558 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor