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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain diseases or illnesses suffered by certain emergency first responders.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 607, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. OTHER DISEASES OR ILLNESSES SUFFERED BY FIREFIGHTERS  
AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Sec. 607.101. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Emergency medical technician" means an individual who is certified as an emergency medical technician by the Department of State Health Services as provided by Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, and who is a full-time employee of a political subdivision.

(2) "Firefighter" means an individual who is defined as fire protection personnel under Section 419.021 and is a full-time employee of a political subdivision.

Sec. 607.102. NOTIFICATION. A firefighter or emergency medical technician who is exposed to methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus is entitled to receive notification of the exposure in the manner prescribed by Section 81.048, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.