

1-1 By: Naishtat, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Deuell) H.B. No. 4560
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 18, 2009;
1-3 May 19, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 23, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 23, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to certain diseases or illnesses suffered by certain
1-9 emergency first responders.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Chapter 607, Government Code, is amended by
1-12 adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

1-13 SUBCHAPTER C. OTHER DISEASES OR ILLNESSES SUFFERED BY FIREFIGHTERS
1-14 AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

1-15 Sec. 607.101. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-16 (1) "Emergency medical technician" means an
1-17 individual who is certified as an emergency medical technician by
1-18 the Department of State Health Services as provided by Chapter 773,
1-19 Health and Safety Code, and who is a full-time employee of a
1-20 political subdivision.

1-21 (2) "Firefighter" means an individual who is defined
1-22 as fire protection personnel under Section 419.021 and is a
1-23 full-time employee of a political subdivision.

1-24 Sec. 607.102. NOTIFICATION. A firefighter or emergency
1-25 medical technician who is exposed to methicillin-resistant
1-26 Staphylococcus aureus is entitled to receive notification of the
1-27 exposure in the manner prescribed by Section 81.048, Health and
1-28 Safety Code.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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