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S.B. No. 1409

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of first responder for purposes of the immunization registry.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (1-a), Section 161.0001, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1-a) "First responder" means:

(A) any federal, state, local, or private personnel who may respond to a disaster, including:

(i) public health and public safety personnel;

(ii) commissioned law enforcement personnel;

(iii) fire protection personnel, including volunteer firefighters;

(iv) emergency medical services personnel, including hospital emergency facility staff;

(v) a member of the National Guard;

(vi) a member of the Texas State Guard; or

(vii) any other worker who responds to a disaster in the worker's scope of employment; or

(B) any related personnel that provide support services during the prevention, response, and recovery phases of a disaster ~~[has the meaning assigned by Section 421.095, Government~~

1 ~~Code~~].

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