

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 1409
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2009; March 17, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;
1-4 April 1, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 1, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the definition of first responder for purposes of the
1-9 immunization registry.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subdivision (1-a), Section 161.0001, Health and
1-12 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (1-a) "First responder" means:

1-14 (A) any federal, state, local, or private
1-15 personnel who may respond to a disaster, including:

1-16 (i) public health and public safety
1-17 personnel;

1-18 (ii) commissioned law enforcement
1-19 personnel;

1-20 (iii) fire protection personnel, including
1-21 volunteer firefighters;

1-22 (iv) emergency medical services personnel,
1-23 including hospital emergency facility staff;

1-24 (v) a member of the National Guard;

1-25 (vi) a member of the Texas State Guard; or

1-26 (vii) any other worker who responds to a
1-27 disaster in the worker's scope of employment; or

1-28 (B) any related personnel that provide support
1-29 services during the prevention, response, and recovery phases of a
1-30 disaster [has the meaning assigned by Section 421.095, Government
1-31 Code].

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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