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H.B. No. 577

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to emergency prehospital care provided by emergency services personnel.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 166, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 166.054 to read as follows:

Sec. 166.054. COMPLIANCE WITH WRITTEN DIRECTIVE; CERTAIN EMERGENCY PREHOSPITAL CARE SITUATIONS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Emergency medical services personnel" has the meaning assigned by Section 773.003.

(2) "Emergency prehospital care" has the meaning assigned by Section 773.003.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, emergency medical services personnel who are providing emergency prehospital care to a person are not required to review, examine, interpret, or honor a person's written directive, including a written directive in the form prescribed by Section 166.033.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 773.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 773.016. DUTIES OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL; CERTAIN EMERGENCY PREHOSPITAL CARE SITUATIONS. (a) In this section, "cardiopulmonary resuscitation" has the meaning assigned by Section 166.002.

(b) Emergency medical services personnel who are providing

1 emergency prehospital care to a person are subject to Chapter 166,  
2 including Section 166.054.

3 (c) A physician who is present while a person is receiving  
4 emergency prehospital care may order the termination of  
5 cardiopulmonary resuscitation if, based on the physician's  
6 professional medical judgment, the physician determines that  
7 resuscitation should be discontinued.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.