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H.B. No. 2369

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the accreditation of training programs and examinations
3 for certain emergency medical services personnel.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 773.050, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended by adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

7 (b-1) A paramedic education course or training program is
8 not required to be accredited by a national organization before
9 January 1, 2014, unless, not later than September 1, 2012, the
10 department sets an earlier date in accordance with a recommendation
11 of the advisory council established under Section 773.012.

12 (b-2) Not later than January 1, 2013, the department shall
13 partner with a testing entity that administers an examination that
14 qualifies the examinee for licensure as a paramedic. The
15 department may not reimburse the testing entity for administering
16 an examination, but the testing entity may charge a fee to an
17 examinee. This subsection expires January 1, 2015.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.