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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 rule adopted under Subsection (b)(3) may not require
8 a course or training program to be accredited by a national
9 organization before January 1, 2018.

10 (b-2) Not later than January 1, 2013, the department shall
11 partner with a testing entity that administers an examination that
12 qualifies the examinee for licensure as a paramedic. The
13 department may not reimburse the testing entity for administering
14 an examination, but the testing entity may charge a fee to an
15 examinee. This subsection expires January 1, 2018.

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