

1-1 By: Smith (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 567
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2013;
 1-3 April 18, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 9, 2013, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 9, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nichols	X			
1-8 Paxton	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Davis	X			
1-11 Ellis	X			
1-12 Hancock	X			
1-13 Patrick			X	
1-14 Uresti	X			
1-15 Watson	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the definition of an authorized emergency vehicle.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Section 541.201(1), Transportation Code, is
 1-22 amended to read as follows:
 1-23 (1) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means:
 1-24 (A) a fire department or police vehicle;
 1-25 (B) a public or private ambulance operated by a
 1-26 person who has been issued a license by the [~~Texas~~] Department of
 1-27 State Health Services;
 1-28 (C) an emergency medical services vehicle:
 1-29 (i) authorized under an emergency medical
 1-30 services provider license issued by the Department of State Health
 1-31 Services under Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code; and
 1-32 (ii) operating under a contract with an
 1-33 emergency services district that requires the emergency medical
 1-34 services provider to respond to emergency calls with the vehicle;
 1-35 (D) a municipal department or public service
 1-36 corporation emergency vehicle that has been designated or
 1-37 authorized by the governing body of a municipality;
 1-38 (E) [~~(D)~~] a private vehicle of a volunteer
 1-39 firefighter or a certified emergency medical services employee or
 1-40 volunteer when responding to a fire alarm or medical emergency;
 1-41 (F) [~~(E)~~] an industrial emergency response
 1-42 vehicle, including an industrial ambulance, when responding to an
 1-43 emergency, but only if the vehicle is operated in compliance with
 1-44 criteria in effect September 1, 1989, and established by the
 1-45 predecessor of the Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board of the
 1-46 State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas;
 1-47 (G) [~~(F)~~] a vehicle of a blood bank or tissue
 1-48 bank, accredited or approved under the laws of this state or the
 1-49 United States, when making emergency deliveries of blood, drugs,
 1-50 medicines, or organs; or
 1-51 (H) [~~(G)~~] a vehicle used for law enforcement
 1-52 purposes that is owned or leased by a federal governmental entity.
 1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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