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S.B. No. 53

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to life support services provided by certain emergency medical services personnel.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 773.003(1) and (2), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(1) "Advanced life support" means ~~[emergency]~~ prehospital care that uses invasive and noninvasive medical acts that an emergency medical technician-intermediate, an emergency medical technician-paramedic, or a licensed paramedic is authorized to perform and includes the performance of an advanced patient assessment in a situation in which the assessment is required to determine whether the medical acts are necessary.

(2) "Basic life support" means ~~[emergency]~~ prehospital care that uses invasive and noninvasive medical acts that an emergency medical technician-basic or an emergency care attendant is authorized to perform.

SECTION 2. This Act take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receives the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.