

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 159  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 4, 2013; January 29, 2013,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
 1-4 Relations; March 4, 2013, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; March 4, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hinojosa	X			
1-8 Nichols	X			
1-9 Paxton	X			
1-10 Taylor	X			
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1-12 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-13 AN ACT

1-14 relating to the definition of an authorized emergency vehicle.  
 1-15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-16 SECTION 1. Subdivision (1), Section 541.201,  
 1-17 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:  
 1-18 (1) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means:  
 1-19 (A) a fire department or police vehicle;  
 1-20 (B) a public or private ambulance operated by a  
 1-21 person who has been issued a license by the [~~Texas~~] Department of  
 1-22 State Health Services;  
 1-23 (C) a municipal department or public service  
 1-24 corporation emergency vehicle that has been designated or  
 1-25 authorized by the governing body of a municipality;  
 1-26 (D) a county-owned or county-leased emergency  
 1-27 management vehicle that has been designated or authorized by the  
 1-28 commissioners court;  
 1-29 (E) [~~(D)~~] a private vehicle of a volunteer  
 1-30 firefighter or a certified emergency medical services employee or  
 1-31 volunteer when responding to a fire alarm or medical emergency;  
 1-32 (F) [~~(E)~~] an industrial emergency response  
 1-33 vehicle, including an industrial ambulance, when responding to an  
 1-34 emergency, but only if the vehicle is operated in compliance with  
 1-35 criteria in effect September 1, 1989, and established by the  
 1-36 predecessor of the Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board of the  
 1-37 State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas;  
 1-38 (G) [~~(F)~~] a vehicle of a blood bank or tissue  
 1-39 bank, accredited or approved under the laws of this state or the  
 1-40 United States, when making emergency deliveries of blood, drugs,  
 1-41 medicines, or organs; or  
 1-42 (H) [~~(G)~~] a vehicle used for law enforcement  
 1-43 purposes that is owned or leased by a federal governmental entity.  
 1-44 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-45 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-46 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-47 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-48 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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