

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 223
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 22, 2013; January 29, 2013,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 March 11, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 11, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to designation of certain vehicles of the Texas Division
 1-20 of Emergency Management as authorized emergency vehicles.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subdivision (1), Section 541.201,
 1-23 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-24 (1) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means:

1-25 (A) a fire department or police vehicle;

1-26 (B) a public or private ambulance operated by a
 1-27 person who has been issued a license by the ~~[Texas]~~ Department of
 1-28 State Health Services;

1-29 (C) a municipal department or public service
 1-30 corporation emergency vehicle that has been designated or
 1-31 authorized by the governing body of a municipality;

1-32 (D) a vehicle that has been designated by the
 1-33 department under Section 546.0065;

1-34 (E) a private vehicle of a volunteer firefighter
 1-35 or a certified emergency medical services employee or volunteer
 1-36 when responding to a fire alarm or medical emergency;

1-37 (F) ~~[(F)]~~ an industrial emergency response
 1-38 vehicle, including an industrial ambulance, when responding to an
 1-39 emergency, but only if the vehicle is operated in compliance with
 1-40 criteria in effect September 1, 1989, and established by the
 1-41 predecessor of the Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board of the
 1-42 State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas;

1-43 (G) ~~[(G)]~~ a vehicle of a blood bank or tissue
 1-44 bank, accredited or approved under the laws of this state or the
 1-45 United States, when making emergency deliveries of blood, drugs,
 1-46 medicines, or organs; or

1-47 (H) ~~[(H)]~~ a vehicle used for law enforcement
 1-48 purposes that is owned or leased by a federal governmental entity.

1-49 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 546, Transportation Code,
 1-50 is amended by adding Section 546.0065 to read as follows:

1-51 Sec. 546.0065. AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES OF THE TEXAS
 1-52 DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. The department shall designate
 1-53 vehicles of the Texas Division of Emergency Management that may be
 1-54 operated as authorized emergency vehicles.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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