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H.B. No. 2020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the scope of duties of an emergency medical technician-paramedic and a licensed paramedic.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 773.0496 to read as follows:

Sec. 773.0496. SCOPE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
TECHNICIAN-PARAMEDIC AND LICENSED PARAMEDIC DUTIES.

Notwithstanding other law, a person who is certified under this chapter as an emergency medical technician-paramedic or a licensed paramedic and who is acting under the authority of a licensed physician may in accordance with department rules provide health care services, including advanced life support, in an emergency or urgent care clinical setting, including a hospital emergency room and a freestanding emergency medical care facility.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt any rules necessary to implement Section 773.0496, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes 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 receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.