

1-1 By: Martinez, Springer, Guillen H.B. No. 2020
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Campbell)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 18, 2015;
 1-4 May 19, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Administration; May 24, 2015, reported favorably by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 24, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Hancock	X			
1-9 Uresti	X			
1-10 Campbell			X	
1-11 Eltife			X	
1-12 Huffines	X			
1-13 Schwertner	X			
1-14 West			X	

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the scope of duties of an emergency medical
 1-19 technician-paramedic and a licensed paramedic.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 773, Health and Safety
 1-22 Code, is amended by adding Section 773.0496 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 773.0496. SCOPE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL
 1-24 TECHNICIAN-PARAMEDIC AND LICENSED PARAMEDIC DUTIES. (a) In this
 1-25 section:

1-26 (1) "Advanced life support" means health care provided
 1-27 to sustain life in an emergency, life-threatening situation. The
 1-28 term includes the initiation of intravenous therapy, endotracheal
 1-29 or esophageal intubation, electrical cardiac defibrillation or
 1-30 cardioversion, and drug therapy procedures.

1-31 (2) "Direct supervision" means supervision of an
 1-32 emergency medical technician-paramedic or licensed paramedic by a
 1-33 licensed physician who is present in the same area or an area
 1-34 adjacent to the area where an emergency medical
 1-35 technician-paramedic or licensed paramedic performs a procedure
 1-36 and who is immediately available to provide assistance and
 1-37 direction during the performance of the procedure.

1-38 (b) Notwithstanding other law, a person who is certified
 1-39 under this chapter as an emergency medical technician-paramedic or
 1-40 a licensed paramedic, is acting under the delegation and direct
 1-41 supervision of a licensed physician, and is authorized to provide
 1-42 advanced life support by a health care facility may in accordance
 1-43 with department rules provide advanced life support in the
 1-44 facility's emergency or urgent care clinical setting, including a
 1-45 hospital emergency room and a freestanding emergency medical care
 1-46 facility.

1-47 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
 1-48 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
 1-49 Services Commission shall adopt any rules necessary to implement
 1-50 Section 773.0496, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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