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H.B. No. 3126

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to designated emergency infant care providers for certain abandoned children.

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

SECTION 1. Section 262.301(1), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Designated emergency infant care provider" means:

(A) an emergency medical services provider;

(B) a hospital; ~~or~~

(C) a freestanding emergency medical care facility licensed under Chapter 254, Health and Safety Code; or

(D) a child-placing agency licensed by the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services under Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, that:

(i) agrees to act as a designated emergency infant care provider under this subchapter; and

(ii) has on staff a person who is licensed as a registered nurse under Chapter 301, Occupations Code, or who provides emergency medical services under Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, and who will examine and provide emergency medical services to a child taken into possession by the agency under this subchapter.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an

1 exception asserted to an offense under Section [22.041](#), Penal Code,
2 regardless of when the offense was committed, but only if the trial
3 for the offense commences on or after the effective date of this
4 Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.