

1-1 By: Campbell S.B. No. 1899
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 25, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;
 1-4 May 5, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 5, 2015,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1899 By: Campbell

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the scope of duties of an emergency medical
 1-22 technician-paramedic and a licensed paramedic.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 773, Health and Safety
 1-25 Code, is amended by adding Section 773.0496 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 773.0496. SCOPE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL
 1-27 TECHNICIAN-PARAMEDIC AND LICENSED PARAMEDIC DUTIES. (a) In this
 1-28 section:

1-29 (1) "Advanced life support" means health care provided
 1-30 to sustain life in an emergency, life-threatening situation. The
 1-31 term includes the initiation of intravenous therapy, endotracheal
 1-32 or esophageal intubation, electrical cardiac defibrillation or
 1-33 cardioversion, and drug therapy procedures.

1-34 (2) "Direct supervision" means supervision of an
 1-35 emergency medical technician-paramedic or licensed paramedic by a
 1-36 licensed physician who is present in the same area or an area
 1-37 adjacent to the area where an emergency medical
 1-38 technician-paramedic or licensed paramedic performs a procedure
 1-39 and who is immediately available to provide assistance and
 1-40 direction during the performance of the procedure.

1-41 (b) Notwithstanding other law, a person who is certified
 1-42 under this chapter as an emergency medical technician-paramedic or
 1-43 a licensed paramedic, is acting under the delegation and direct
 1-44 supervision of a licensed physician, and is authorized to provide
 1-45 advanced life support by a health care facility may in accordance
 1-46 with department rules provide advanced life support in the
 1-47 facility's emergency or urgent care clinical setting, including a
 1-48 hospital emergency room and a freestanding emergency medical care
 1-49 facility.

1-50 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
 1-51 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
 1-52 Services Commission shall adopt any rules necessary to implement
 1-53 Section 773.0496, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-55 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-56 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-57 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-58 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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