

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 2366

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the designation of certain airport vehicles as
3 authorized emergency vehicles.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 541.201(1), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means:

8 (A) a fire department or police vehicle;

9 (B) a public or private ambulance operated by a
10 person who has been issued a license by the Department of State
11 Health Services;

12 (C) an emergency medical services vehicle:

13 (i) authorized under an emergency medical
14 services provider license issued by the Department of State Health
15 Services under Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code; and

16 (ii) operating under a contract with an
17 emergency services district that requires the emergency medical
18 services provider to respond to emergency calls with the vehicle;

19 (D) a municipal department or public service
20 corporation emergency vehicle that has been designated or
21 authorized by the governing body of a municipality;

22 (E) a county-owned or county-leased emergency
23 management vehicle that has been designated or authorized by the
24 commissioners court;

1 (F) a vehicle that has been designated by the
2 department under Section 546.0065;

3 (G) a private vehicle of a volunteer firefighter
4 or a certified emergency medical services employee or volunteer
5 when responding to a fire alarm or medical emergency;

6 (H) an industrial emergency response vehicle,
7 including an industrial ambulance, when responding to an emergency,
8 but only if the vehicle is operated in compliance with criteria in
9 effect September 1, 1989, and established by the predecessor of the
10 Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board of the State
11 Firefighters' [~~Firemen's~~] and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas;

12 (I) a vehicle of a blood bank or tissue bank,
13 accredited or approved under the laws of this state or the United
14 States, when making emergency deliveries of blood, drugs,
15 medicines, or organs;

16 (J) a vehicle used for law enforcement purposes
17 that is owned or leased by a federal governmental entity; [~~or~~]

18 (K) a private vehicle of an employee or volunteer
19 of a county emergency management division in a county with a
20 population of more than 46,500 and less than 48,000 that is
21 designated as an authorized emergency vehicle by the commissioners
22 court of that county; or

23 (L) an emergency management or airport security
24 vehicle that:

25 (i) is owned or leased by an airport
26 operated by a joint board created under Section 22.074 for which the
27 constituent agencies are populous home-rule municipalities, as

1 those terms are defined by Section 22.071; and

2 (ii) has been designated or authorized by
3 the chief executive officer of the joint board.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.