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H.B. No. 3625

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to reciprocity standards for certain emergency medical services personnel who served in the United States military.

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

SECTION 1. Section 773.050(c-1), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c-1) In this subsection, "United States military" means the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Coast Guard, any reserve or auxiliary component of any of those services, or the National Guard. The executive commissioner by rule shall provide that an individual is eligible for emergency medical services personnel certification through reciprocity if the individual:

(1) successfully completed emergency medical services training provided by the United States military;

(2) has emergency medical services personnel credentials from the United States military; and

(3) is certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or satisfactorily completes the state emergency medical certification exam while enlisted in the United States military or within the twelve month period following an honorable discharge from the United States military.

SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2018, the executive

1 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
2 adopt rules necessary to implement Section 773.050(c-1), Health and
3 Safety Code, as amended by this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all 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.