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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reciprocity agreements between air ambulance companies operating a subscription program.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 773.011, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d-1) and amending Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(d-1) An air ambulance company that operates a subscription program under this section shall, in accordance with executive commissioner rules, enter into a reciprocity agreement with each other air ambulance company in this state that operates a subscription program to ensure maximum geographic coverage for patients covered under a subscription program.

(e)  The Insurance Code does not apply to a subscription program established or a reciprocity agreement entered into under this section.

SECTION 2.  As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 773.011, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.