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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of first responder for immunization purposes.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 161.0001(1-a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1-a) "First responder" means:

(A)  any federal, state, local, or private personnel who may respond to a disaster, including:

(i)  public health and public safety personnel;

(ii)  commissioned law enforcement personnel;

(iii)  fire protection personnel, including volunteer firefighters;

(iv)  emergency medical services personnel, including hospital emergency facility staff;

(v)  a member of the National Guard;

(vi)  a member of the Texas military forces as defined by Section 437.001, Government Code [~~State Guard~~]; or

(vii)  any other worker who responds to a disaster in the worker's scope of employment; or

(B)  any related personnel that provide support services during the prevention, response, and recovery phases of a disaster.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.