

AN ACT

relating to reciprocity agreements between certain 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 amending Subsections (b) and (e) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(b) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules establishing minimum standards for the creation and operation of a subscription program. The rules must:

- (1) ensure the protection of public health and safety;
- (2) ensure compliance with federal laws and rules related to air ambulance subscription program services; and
- (3) establish minimum standards and objectives for the delivery of air ambulance emergency medical services provided in accordance with a reciprocity agreement entered into under Subsection (d-1).

(d-1) To ensure maximum geographic coverage for patients covered under a subscription program, an air ambulance company that operates a subscription program shall, in accordance with executive commissioner rules, enter into a reciprocity agreement with each other air ambulance company that operates a subscription program in the same service delivery area.

(e) The Insurance Code does not apply to a subscription

1 program established or a reciprocity agreement entered into under
2 this section.

3 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
4 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
5 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement
6 Section [773.011](#), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 463 was passed by the House on April 9, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 463 on May 24, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 121, Nays 20, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 463 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor