

AN ACT

relating to disease prevention and preparedness information for emergency medical services personnel on certification or recertification.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 773.0551 to read as follows:

Sec. 773.0551. DISEASE PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION ON CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL. (a) In this section:

(1) "Applicant" means an individual who files an application for certification or recertification as emergency medical services personnel under Section 773.055.

(2) "Immunization registry" means the immunization registry established under Section 161.007.

(b) The executive commissioner by rule shall adopt a system under which the Health and Human Services Commission provides an applicant immunization information. The system must require the commission to provide:

(1) if the applicant's immunization history is included in the immunization registry, written notice of the applicant's immunization history, using information from the immunization registry; or

(2) if the applicant's immunization history is not

1 included in the immunization registry, the following information:

2 (A) details about the program developed under
3 Section 161.00707; and

4 (B) the specific risks to emergency medical
5 services personnel when responding rapidly to an emergency of
6 exposure to and infection by a potentially serious or deadly
7 communicable disease that an immunization may prevent.

8 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
9 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
10 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement
11 Section 773.0551, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1418 was passed by the House on April 2, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1418 was passed by the Senate on May 15, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor