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H.B. No. 1579

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the definition of first responder for immunization
3 purposes.

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

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

7 (1-a) "First responder" means:

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

10 (i) public health and public safety
11 personnel;

12 (ii) commissioned law enforcement
13 personnel;

14 (iii) fire protection personnel, including
15 volunteer firefighters;

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

18 (v) a member of the National Guard;

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

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

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

1 disaster.

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