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1	AN ACT
2	relating to the application requirements for first responder
3	organizations to receive an initial license or to renew a license.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Section 773.003(16), Health and Safety Code, is
6	amended to read as follows:
7	(16) "First responder organization" means a group or
8	association of certified emergency medical services personnel
9	that, working in cooperation with a licensed emergency medical
10	services provider, provides immediate on-scene care under the
11	direction of a medical director to ill or injured persons but does
12	not transport those persons.
13	SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 773, Health and Safety
14	Code, is amended by adding Section 773.0416 to read as follows:
15	Sec. 773.0416. ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
16	FIRST RESPONDER ORGANIZATIONS. (a) To the extent the rules adopted
17	under this chapter require a first responder organization to submit
18	an application for a license, each first responder organization

20 <u>license:</u>
21 <u>(1) for a first responder organization affiliated with</u>
22 <u>an emergency medical services provider, notice of any disagreement</u>
23 <u>regarding treatment protocols or equipment between the first</u>
24 <u>responder organization's medical director and the emergency</u>

shall include with an application for an initial or renewal

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- 1 medical services provider's medical director; and
- 2 (2) for a first responder organization not affiliated
- 3 with an emergency medical services provider:
- 4 (A) proof that the first responder
- 5 organization's medical director provided a copy of the
- 6 organization's treatment protocols to the medical director of each
- 7 emergency medical services provider that provides patient
- 8 transport services for patients treated by the organization's
- 9 personnel and that has an agreement with the organization; and
- 10 (B) notice of any disagreement regarding
- 11 treatment protocols or equipment between the first responder
- 12 organization's medical director and the medical director of each
- 13 emergency medical services provider that has an agreement with the
- 14 organization.
- 15 (b) The executive commissioner may not require a first
- 16 responder organization to obtain the approval of an emergency
- 17 medical services provider's medical director regarding treatment
- 18 protocols or equipment for issuance of an initial or renewal first
- 19 responder organization license.
- SECTION 3. Section 773.0416, Health and Safety Code, as
- 21 added by this Act, applies only to an application submitted on or
- 22 after the effective date of this Act.
- 23 SECTION 4. As soon as practicable after the effective date
- 24 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
- 25 Services Commission shall adopt any rules necessary to implement
- 26 Section 773.0416, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.
- 27 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.