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H.B. No. 2400

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the application requirements for first responder organizations to receive an initial license or to renew a license.

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

SECTION 1. Section 773.003(16), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(16) "First responder organization" means a group or association of certified emergency medical services personnel that, working in cooperation with a licensed emergency medical services provider, provides immediate on-scene care under the direction of a medical director to ill or injured persons but does not transport those persons.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 773.0416 to read as follows:

Sec. 773.0416. ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST RESPONDER ORGANIZATIONS. (a) To the extent the rules adopted under this chapter require a first responder organization to submit an application for a license, each first responder organization shall include with an application for an initial or renewal license:

(1) for a first responder organization affiliated with an emergency medical services provider, notice of any disagreement regarding treatment protocols or equipment between the first responder organization's medical director and the emergency

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.

20 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.