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S.B. No. 829

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to disease prevention and preparedness information for
3 emergency medical services personnel on certification or
4 recertification.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (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.