H.B. No. 786

AN ACT

relating to required cardiopulmonary resuscitation training for telecommunicators.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 1701.3071, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1)  The training required by Subsection (a)(2) must include telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training that:

(1)  uses the most current nationally recognized emergency cardiovascular care guidelines;

(2)  incorporates recognition protocols for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest; and

(3)  provides information on best practices for relaying compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructions to callers.

SECTION 2.  Section 1701.352(i), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(i)  A state agency, county, special district, or municipality that appoints or employs a telecommunicator shall provide training to the telecommunicator of not less than 20 hours during each 24-month period of employment that includes:

(1)  telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation as described by Section 1701.3071(a-1); and

(2)  other [~~. The training must be approved by the commission and consist of~~] topics selected by the commission and the employing entity.

SECTION 3.  As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 1701.3071(a-1), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, and Section 1701.352(i), Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 786 was passed by the House on April 13, 2021, by the following vote:  Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 786 was passed by the Senate on April 29, 2021, by the following vote:  Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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