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S.B. No. 183

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to emergency medical services subscription programs and reciprocity agreements between certain air ambulance companies operating a subscription program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 773.011, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (e) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(b) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules establishing minimum standards for the creation and operation of a subscription program. The rules must:

(1) ensure the protection of public health and safety;

and

(2) for an air ambulance subscription program:

(A) ensure compliance with federal laws and rules related to air ambulance subscription program services; and

(B) establish minimum standards and objectives for the delivery of air ambulance emergency medical services provided in accordance with a reciprocity agreement entered into under Subsection (d-1).

(d-1) To ensure maximum geographic coverage for patients covered under an air ambulance subscription program, an air ambulance company that operates a subscription program in a service delivery area shall, in accordance with executive commissioner

1 rules, enter into a reciprocity agreement with each other air  
2 ambulance company that operates a subscription program in that  
3 area.

4 (e) The Insurance Code does not apply to a subscription  
5 program established or a reciprocity agreement entered into under  
6 this section.

7 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
8 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
9 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
10 Section [773.011](#), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.