

AN ACT

relating to certain diseases or illnesses suffered by certain emergency first responders.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 607, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. OTHER DISEASES OR ILLNESSES SUFFERED BY FIREFIGHTERS
AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Sec. 607.101. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Emergency medical technician" means an individual who is certified as an emergency medical technician by the Department of State Health Services as provided by Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, and who is a full-time employee of a political subdivision.

(2) "Firefighter" means an individual who is defined as fire protection personnel under Section 419.021 and is a full-time employee of a political subdivision.

Sec. 607.102. NOTIFICATION. A firefighter or emergency medical technician who is exposed to methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus is entitled to receive notification of the exposure in the manner prescribed by Section 81.048, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

H.B. No. 4560

David Newhall

President of the Senate

Jon Stans

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4560 was passed by the House on May 15, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4560 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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