

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to designation of certain vehicles of the Texas Division  
3 of Emergency Management as authorized emergency vehicles.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subdivision (1), Section 541.201,  
6 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means:

8 (A) a fire department or police vehicle;

9 (B) a public or private ambulance operated by a  
10 person who has been issued a license by the [~~Texas~~] Department of  
11 State Health Services;

12 (C) a municipal department or public service  
13 corporation emergency vehicle that has been designated or  
14 authorized by the governing body of a municipality;

15 (D) a vehicle that has been designated by the  
16 department under Section 546.0065;

17 (E) a private vehicle of a volunteer firefighter  
18 or a certified emergency medical services employee or volunteer  
19 when responding to a fire alarm or medical emergency;

20 (F) [~~(E)~~] an industrial emergency response  
21 vehicle, including an industrial ambulance, when responding to an  
22 emergency, but only if the vehicle is operated in compliance with  
23 criteria in effect September 1, 1989, and established by the  
24 predecessor of the Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board of the

1 State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas;

2           (G) [~~(F)~~] a vehicle of a blood bank or tissue  
3 bank, accredited or approved under the laws of this state or the  
4 United States, when making emergency deliveries of blood, drugs,  
5 medicines, or organs; or

6           (H) [~~(G)~~] a vehicle used for law enforcement  
7 purposes that is owned or leased by a federal governmental entity.

8           SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 546, Transportation Code,  
9 is amended by adding Section 546.0065 to read as follows:

10           Sec. 546.0065. AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES OF THE TEXAS  
11 DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. The department shall designate  
12 vehicles of the Texas Division of Emergency Management that may be  
13 operated as authorized emergency vehicles.

14           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

David Newhurst

President of the Senate

Joe Straus

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 223 passed the Senate on March 18, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Gow

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 223 passed the House on April 25, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

10 May '13

Date

RICK PERRY

Governor

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