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2	relating to the definition of an authorized emergency vehicle.
3	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
4	SECTION 1. Subdivision (1), Section 541.201,
5	Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:
6	(1) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means:
7	(A) a fire department or police vehicle;
8	(B) a public or private ambulance operated by a
9	person who has been issued a license by the [Texas] Department of
10	State Health Services;
11	(C) a municipal department or public service
12	corporation emergency vehicle that has been designated or
13	authorized by the governing body of a municipality;
14	(D) a private vehicle of a volunteer firefighter
15	or a certified emergency medical services employee or volunteer
16	when responding to a fire alarm or medical emergency;
17	(E) an industrial emergency response vehicle,
18	including an industrial ambulance, when responding to an emergency,
19	but only if the vehicle is operated in compliance with criteria in
20	effect September 1, 1989, and established by the predecessor of the
21	Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board of the State Firemen's
22	and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas;
23	(F) a vehicle of a blood bank or tissue bank,
24	accredited or approved under the laws of this state or the United

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- 1 States, when making emergency deliveries of blood, drugs,
- 2 medicines, or organs; [or]
- 3 (G) a vehicle used for law enforcement purposes
- 4 that is owned or leased by a federal governmental entity; or
- 5 (H) a private vehicle of an employee or volunteer
- 6 of a county emergency management division in a county with a
- 7 population of more than 46,500 and less than 48,000 that is
- 8 designated as an authorized emergency vehicle by the commissioners
- 9 court of that county.
- 10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 14 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No 1917 passed the Senate on May 15, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary by the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1917 passed the House on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the Hodse

Approved:

RICK PERRY

Governor

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