

Amend SB 1574 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 3, line 4, strike "81.012 and 81.013" and substitute "81.012, 81.013, and 81.014".

(2) On page 4, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

Sec. 81.014. INFECTIOUS DISEASE EMERGENCY. (a) In this section, "infectious disease emergency" means a state of emergency declared by the governor by proclamation or order in response to a public health threat that:

(1) is caused by an infectious disease that has resulted in or is likely to result in severe or life-threatening illness or death for those infected with the disease; and

(2) is not contained by current public health or medical interventions and results in a high rate of morbidity or mortality.

(b) If an infectious disease emergency is declared in this state, a facility designated by the state as a treatment center for the infectious disease is considered a governmental unit of the state for purposes of Chapters 101, 104, and 108, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, while performing services directly related to the infectious disease emergency. Any employee or contractor of the facility is considered to be an employee of a governmental unit of the state for purposes of Chapters 101, 104, and 108, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, while the employee or contractor is performing services on behalf of the designated facility directly related to the infectious disease emergency.