

1-1 By: Springer (Senate Sponsor - Perry, et al.) H.B. No. 463
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2019;
 1-3 April 15, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-4 & Human Services; May 17, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 17, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13	X			
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1-15	X			
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1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 463 By: Perry

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to reciprocity agreements between certain air ambulance
 1-22 companies operating a subscription program.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 773.011, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-25 amended by amending Subsections (b) and (e) and adding Subsection
 1-26 (d-1) to read as follows:

1-27 (b) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules
 1-28 establishing minimum standards for the creation and operation of a
 1-29 subscription program. The rules must:

1-30 (1) ensure the protection of public health and safety;

1-31 (2) ensure compliance with federal laws and rules
 1-32 related to air ambulance subscription program services; and

1-33 (3) establish minimum standards and objectives for the
 1-34 delivery of air ambulance emergency medical services provided in
 1-35 accordance with a reciprocity agreement entered into under
 1-36 Subsection (d-1).

1-37 (d-1) To ensure maximum geographic coverage for patients
 1-38 covered under a subscription program, an air ambulance company that
 1-39 operates a subscription program shall, in accordance with executive
 1-40 commissioner rules, enter into a reciprocity agreement with each
 1-41 other air ambulance company that operates a subscription program in
 1-42 the same service delivery area.

1-43 (e) The Insurance Code does not apply to a subscription
 1-44 program established or a reciprocity agreement entered into under
 1-45 this section.

1-46 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
 1-47 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
 1-48 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement
 1-49 Section 773.011, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act.

1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.

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