

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 183  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2020; March 3, 2021,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human  
1-4 Services; May 10, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 10, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-11	<u>X</u>			
1-12	<u>X</u>			
1-13	<u>X</u>			
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1-15	<u>X</u>			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 183 By: Seliger

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

1-21 relating to emergency medical services subscription programs and  
1-22 reciprocity agreements between certain air ambulance companies  
1-23 operating a subscription program.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 773.011, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-26 amended by amending Subsections (b) and (e) and adding Subsections  
1-27 (d-1) and (d-2) to read as follows:

1-28 (b) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules  
1-29 establishing minimum standards for the creation and operation of a  
1-30 subscription program. The rules must:

1-31 (1) ensure the protection of public health and safety;  
1-32 and

1-33 (2) for an air ambulance subscription program:

1-34 (A) ensure compliance with federal laws and rules  
1-35 related to air ambulance subscription program services; and

1-36 (B) establish minimum standards and objectives  
1-37 for the delivery of air ambulance emergency medical services  
1-38 provided in accordance with a reciprocity agreement entered into  
1-39 under Subsection (d-1).

1-40 (d-1) To ensure maximum geographic coverage for patients  
1-41 covered under an air ambulance subscription program, an air  
1-42 ambulance company that operates a subscription program in a service  
1-43 delivery area shall, in accordance with executive commissioner  
1-44 rules, enter into a reciprocity agreement with each other air  
1-45 ambulance company that operates a subscription program in that  
1-46 area.

1-47 (d-2) An air ambulance company operating a subscription  
1-48 program is exempt from the application of Subsection (d-1) if the  
1-49 company:

1-50 (1) does not own any emergency medical services  
1-51 vehicles; and

1-52 (2) pays for all out-of-pocket expenses related to  
1-53 emergency medical services provided in this country by any  
1-54 emergency medical services provider.

1-55 (e) The Insurance Code does not apply to a subscription  
1-56 program established or a reciprocity agreement entered into under  
1-57 this section.

1-58 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
1-59 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
1-60 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement

2-1 Section 773.011, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act.  
2-2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.

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