CHAPTER 970

H.B. No. 1960

AN ACT
relating to reciprocity for emergency medical services personnel certification for certain United States military personnel.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 773.050, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) In this subsection, "United States military" means the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Coast Guard, any reserve or auxiliary component of any of those services, or the National Guard. The executive commissioner by rule shall provide that an individual is eligible for emergency medical services personnel certification through reciprocity if the individual:

(1) successfully completed emergency medical services training provided by the United States military;
(2) has emergency medical services personnel credentials from the United States military; and
(3) is certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2014, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 773.050(c-1), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 971

H.B. No. 1970

AN ACT
relating to the authority of certain municipalities and counties to regulate subdivisions in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality by agreement.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 242.001(h), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) This subsection applies only to a county to which Subsections (b)-(g) do not apply, except that this subsection does not apply to a county subject to Section 242.002 or a county that has entered into an agreement under Section 242.003. For an area in a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction, as defined by Section 212.001, a plat may not be filed with the county clerk without the approval of both the municipality and the county. If a municipal regulation and a county regulation relating to plats and subdivisions of land conflict, the more stringent regulation prevails. However, if one governmental entity requires a plat to be filed for the subdivision of a particular tract of land in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality and the other governmental entity does not require the filing of a plat for that subdivision, the authority responsible for approving plats for the governmental entity that does not require the filing shall issue on request of the subdivider a written certification stating that a plat is not required to be filed for that subdivision of the land. The certification must be attached to a plat required to be filed under this subsection.
SECTION 2. Chapter 242, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 242.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 242.003. AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN BORDER COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO REGULATE SUBDIVISIONS IN EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION BY AGREEMENT. (a) This section applies only to a county having a population of more than 800,000 and located on the international border and a municipality that has extraterritorial jurisdiction, as defined by Section 212.001, in that county.

(b) A county and a municipality may enter into an agreement that identifies the governmental entity authorized to regulate subdivision plats and approve related permits in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality in a manner consistent with Section 242.001(d). The county and the municipality shall adopt the agreement by order, ordinance, or resolution.

(c) The agreement must be amended by the county and the municipality if necessary to take into account an expansion or reduction in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality. The municipality shall notify the county of any expansion or reduction in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction. Any expansion or reduction in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction that affects property that is subject to a preliminary or final plat, a plat application, or an application for a related permit filed with the municipality or the county or that was previously approved under Section 212.009 or Chapter 232 does not affect any rights accrued under Chapter 245. The approval of the plat, any permit, a plat application, or an application for a related permit remains effective as provided by Chapter 245 regardless of the change in designation as extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality.

(d) In an unincorporated area outside the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the municipality may not regulate subdivisions or approve the filing of plats, except as provided by Chapter 791, Government Code.

(e) Property subject to pending approval of a preliminary or final plat is governed by Section 242.001(i).

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

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective June 14, 2013.