or physical disabilities and who may require intensive case management and assistance with long-term goal planning and independent living skills.

(3) "Resident" means a person who resides and receives services at a group home.

Sec. 325.003. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter does not apply to a group home that accepts or is assigned only residents who are sex offenders required to register under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure, if the residents receive treatment at the group home from a sex offender treatment provider who is licensed under Chapter 110, Occupations Code.

Sec. 325.004. NOTICE TO OTHER RESIDENTS REQUIRED. If based on information obtained under Section 325.003 the director ascertains that a person is a registered sex offender, not later than the third day after the person becomes a resident of the group home, the director shall provide notice that the person is a sex offender to the legal guardian of each current resident who has a legal guardian and directly to each other resident. The notice must contain all of the information about the person that is available on the website described by Section 325.003.

Sec. 325.005. IMMUNITY FOR RELEASE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION. A group home or its director is not liable under any law for damages arising from conduct required under this chapter.

Sec. 325.006. NOTICE ABOUT CURRENT RESIDENTS. Not later than March 1, 2014, the director of a group home shall ascertain, in the manner provided by Section 325.003, whether any resident of the group home is registered under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure, and provide to the legal guardian of each current resident who has a legal guardian, and directly to each other resident, notice about each resident who is required to register under that chapter as provided by Section 325.004. This section expires April 1, 2014.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 3, 2013: Yeas 142, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 247

H.B. No. 434

AN ACT relating to the persons authorized to take a blood specimen from a vehicle operator to test for alcohol concentration or other intoxicating substances.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 724.017, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 724.017. TAKING OF BLOOD SPECIMEN.

SECTION 2. Section 724.017, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsections (a-1), (c-1), and (c-2) to read as follows:

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(a) Only the following may take a blood specimen at the request or order of a peace officer under this chapter:

1. a physician;
2. a qualified technician;
3. a registered professional nurse;
4. a licensed vocational nurse; or
5. a licensed or certified emergency medical technician-intermediate or emergency medical technician-paramedic authorized to take a blood specimen under Subsection (c).

(a-1) The blood specimen must be taken in a sanitary place.

(c) A licensed or certified emergency medical technician-intermediate or emergency medical technician-paramedic may take a blood specimen only if authorized by the medical director for the entity that employs the technician-intermediate or technician-paramedic. The specimen must be taken according to a protocol developed by the medical director that provides direction to the technician-intermediate or technician-paramedic for the taking of a blood specimen at the request or order of a peace officer. In this subsection, "medical director" means a licensed physician who supervises the provision of emergency medical services by a public or private entity that:

1. provides those services; and
2. employs one or more licensed or certified emergency medical technician-intermediates or emergency medical technician-paramedics [in this section, "qualified technician" does not include emergency medical services personnel].

(c-1) A protocol developed under Subsection (c) may address whether an emergency medical technician-intermediate or emergency medical technician-paramedic engaged in the performance of official duties is entitled to refuse to:

1. go to the location of a person from whom a peace officer requests or orders the taking of a blood specimen solely for the purpose of taking that blood specimen;
2. take a blood specimen if the technician-intermediate or technician-paramedic reasonably believes that complying with the peace officer's request or order to take the specimen would impair or interfere with the provision of patient care or the performance of other official duties; or
3. provide the equipment or supplies necessary to take a blood specimen.

(c-2) If a licensed or certified emergency medical technician-intermediate or emergency medical technician-paramedic takes a blood specimen at the request or order of a peace officer, a peace officer must:

1. observe the taking of the specimen; and
2. immediately take possession of the specimen for purposes of establishing a chain of custody.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.
Passed by the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 141, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.
Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 248
H.B. No. 442
AN ACT
relating to the recognition of a portion of U.S. Highway 83 as a memorial to Trooper Eduardo Chavez.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 225.091 to read as follows: