CHAPTER 630

S.B. No. 1917

AN ACT
relating to the definition of an authorized emergency vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (1), Section 541.201, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means:
   (A) a fire department or police vehicle;
   (B) a public or private ambulance operated by a person who has been issued a license by the Department of State Health Services;
   (C) a municipal department or public service corporation emergency vehicle that has been designated or authorized by the governing body of a municipality;
   (D) a private vehicle of a volunteer firefighter or a certified emergency medical services employee or volunteer when responding to a fire alarm or medical emergency;
   (E) an industrial emergency response vehicle, including an industrial ambulance, when responding to an emergency, but only if the vehicle is operated in compliance with criteria in effect September 1, 1989, and established by the predecessor of the Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas;
   (F) a vehicle of a blood bank or tissue bank, accredited or approved under the laws of this state or the United States, when making emergency deliveries of blood, drugs, medicines, or organs;
   (G) a vehicle used for law enforcement purposes that is owned or leased by a federal governmental entity; or
   (H) a private vehicle of an employee or volunteer of a county emergency management division in a county with a population of more than 46,500 and less than 48,000 that is designated as an authorized emergency vehicle by the commissioners court of that county.

SECTION 2. 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 the Senate on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 22, 2013: Yeas 148, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 631

S.B. No. 443

AN ACT
relating to leave for reserve law enforcement officers for required training.

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

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SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 661, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 661.922 to read as follows:

Sec. 661.922. RESERVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. (a) In this section, "reserve law enforcement officer" has the meaning assigned by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code.

(b) A state employee who is a reserve law enforcement officer is entitled to a leave of absence without a deduction in salary to attend training required under Section 1701.351, Occupations Code. Leave without deduction in salary under this section may not exceed five working days every fiscal biennium.

SECTION 2. 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 the Senate on May 6, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 22, 2013: Yeas 148, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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CHAPTER 632

H.B. No. 326

AN ACT
relating to eligibility to serve on the appraisal review board of an appraisal district.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 6.412(d) and (e), Tax Code, are amended to read as follows:

(d) A person is ineligible to serve on the appraisal review board of an appraisal district established for a county having a population of more than 100,000 if the person:

(1) [if the person:

[(A) has served for all or part of three previous terms as a board member or auxiliary board member on the appraisal review board; or

[(B)] is a former member of the board of directors, former officer, or former employee of the appraisal district; or

(2) [if the person] served as a member of the governing body or officer of a taxing unit for which the appraisal district appraises property, until the fourth anniversary of the date the person ceased to be a member or officer; or

(3) [if the person] has ever appeared before the appraisal review board for compensation.

(e) A [in an appraisal district established for a county having a population of 100,000 or less, a] person who has served for all or part of three consecutive terms as a board member [or auxiliary board member] on [the] appraisal review board is ineligible to serve on the appraisal review board during a term that begins on the next January 1 following the third of those consecutive terms.

SECTION 2. Section 6.412(f), Tax Code, is repealed.

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 11, 2013: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 326 on May 22, 2013: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.