

CHAPTER 455

H.B. No. 1264

An Act relating to the persons authorized to operate an emergency medical services vehicle under certain circumstances.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2(d), Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(d) "Authorized Emergency Vehicle" means vehicles of the fire department (fire patrol), police vehicles, public and private ambulances for which permits have been issued by the State Board of Health, emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the governing body of an incorporated city, private vehicles operated by volunteer firemen or certified Emergency Medical Services *employees or* volunteers while answering a fire alarm or responding to a medical emergency, and vehicles operated by blood banks or tissue banks, accredited or approved under the laws of this state or the United States, while making emergency deliveries of blood, drugs or medicines, or organs.

SECTION 2. This Act applies only to an offense committed under the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed under that Act before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before the effective date.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 18, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved: June 11, 1985

Effective: Immediately