CHAPTER 386

H.B. No. 1310

An Act relating to assignment pay for certain hazardous materials response team personnel.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8B(a), Chapter 325, Acts of the 50th Legislature, Regular Session, 1947 (Article 1269m, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(a) In any city having a population of 1,500,000 or more, according to the most recent federal census, the city council or legislative body may authorize assignment pay for emergency ambulance attendants, [and] field training officers, and hazardous duty response team personnel in an amount and payable under conditions as set by ordinance. The assignment pay shall be in addition to the regular pay received by members of the fire department. The chief of the fire department is not eligible for the assignment pay authorized by this section.

SECTION 2. Section 8B(b), Chapter 325, Acts of the 50th Legislature, Regular Session, 1947 (Article 1269m, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subdivision (6) to read as follows:

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(6) "Hazardous duty response team personnel" means a member of the fire department who is assigned to a hazardous materials response team and who stabilizes or participates in the stabilization of hazardous materials in an emergency.

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 a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved: June 10, 1985 Effective: August 26, 1985