CHAPTER 361

H.B. No. 528

An Act relating to vaccinations given to certain certified fire fighters and their families.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1269t, Revised Statutes, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Any certified fire fighter who operates an ambulance or who responds to emergency medical calls, and any member of such fire fighter's immediate family, is entitled to: (1) reimbursement from the employing governmental entity for the cost of any vaccination given to the certified fire fighter for a contagious disease if the certified fire fighter is exposed to the contagious disease during the course of employment; (2) receive such vaccination, without charge, from medical personnel designated by the employing governmental entity.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985, and applies only to a vaccination that is given on or after that 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.

Passed by the House on April 3, 1985, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 528 on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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