

CHAPTER 864

H.B. No. 766

AN ACT

relating to duties of railroad corporations after accidents; providing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 8, Title 112, Revised Statutes, is amended by adding Article 6419b to read as follows:

*Art. 6419b. DUTY TO STOP AND RENDER AID*

*Sec. 1. STOP AFTER ACCIDENT. The person assigned by a railroad corporation to be responsible for the operation of the train who is involved, while operating a locomotive, in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or damage to any vehicle that is driven or attended by a person shall immediately stop the locomotive at the scene of the accident.*

*Sec. 2. RENDERING OF AID. The person responsible for the operation of the train shall render to any person injured in the accident reasonable assistance, including the carrying, or the making of arrangements for the carrying, of the person*

*to a physician, surgeon, or hospital for medical or surgical treatment if it is apparent that treatment is necessary or if the carrying is requested by the injured person.*

*Sec. 3. OFFENSE. A person who violates this article commits an offense. An offense under this article is a Class C misdemeanor.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

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 May 19, 1987, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 766 on June 1, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 30, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.