## HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

## TITLE 9. SAFETY

## SUBTITLE B. EMERGENCIES

## CHAPTER 775. EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICTS

Sec. 775.032. CERTAIN BUSINESSES NOT SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAX OR DISTRICT POWERS. (a) A business entity is not subject to the ad valorem tax authorized by this chapter or subject to the district's powers if the business entity:

(1) provides its own fire prevention and fire control services and owns or operates fire-fighting equipment or systems equivalent to or better than standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association or another nationally recognized association and for which the business entity receives the appropriate approval from the Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas;

(2) provides and operates its own equipped industrial ambulance with a licensed driver and provides industrial victim care by an emergency care attendant trained to provide the equivalent of ordinary basic life support, as defined by Section 773.003; and

(3) provides ordinary emergency services for the business entity, such as emergency response, as defined by 29 C.F.R. Sec. 1910.120, rescue, disaster planning, or security services, as recognized by the Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, and provides the equipment, training, and facilities necessary to safely handle emergencies and protect the business entity and its neighbors in the community.

(b) This section shall not be construed to exempt a business from a sales and use tax authorized by Section 775.0751.

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