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H.B. No. 1592

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the application of balance billing prohibitions and  
out-of-network dispute resolution procedures to certain  
self-insured or self-funded employee welfare benefit plans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1275.002, Insurance Code, is amended to  
read as follows:

Sec. 1275.002. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter  
applies only to:

(1) a health benefit plan offered by a nonprofit  
agricultural organization under Chapter 1682; and

(2) a health benefit plan:

(A) that is a self-insured or self-funded plan  
established by an employer for the benefit of the employer's  
employees in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income  
Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. Section 1001 et seq.); and

(B) for which the plan sponsor has made an  
election, submitted to the commissioner in the form and manner  
prescribed by the commissioner, to apply this chapter to the plan  
for the relevant plan year.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2023, the  
commissioner of insurance shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
the change in law made by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.