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H.B. No. 1592

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

6 SECTION 1. Section [1275.002](#), Insurance Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

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

10 (1) a health benefit plan offered by a nonprofit  
11 agricultural organization under Chapter [1682](#); and

12 (2) a health benefit plan:

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

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

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

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