

1-1 By: Button, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Parker) H.B. No. 1649
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2023;
 1-3 May 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 21, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 2, one present not voting; May 21, 2023, sent to
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8				
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12		X		
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15				X
1-16	X			
1-17		X		

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to health benefit coverage for certain fertility
 1-21 preservation services under certain health benefit plans.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Chapter 1366, Insurance Code, is amended by
 1-24 adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

1-25 SUBCHAPTER C. COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN FERTILITY PRESERVATION SERVICES

1-26 Sec. 1366.101. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. (a) This
 1-27 subchapter applies only to a health benefit plan that provides
 1-28 benefits for medical or surgical expenses incurred as a result of a
 1-29 health condition, accident, or sickness, including an individual,
 1-30 group, blanket, or franchise insurance policy or insurance
 1-31 agreement, a group hospital service contract, or an individual or
 1-32 group evidence of coverage or similar coverage document that is
 1-33 issued in this state by:

- 1-34 (1) an insurance company;
- 1-35 (2) a group hospital service corporation operating
 1-36 under Chapter 842;
- 1-37 (3) a health maintenance organization operating under
 1-38 Chapter 843;
- 1-39 (4) an approved nonprofit health corporation that
 1-40 holds a certificate of authority under Chapter 844;
- 1-41 (5) a multiple employer welfare arrangement that holds
 1-42 a certificate of authority under Chapter 846;
- 1-43 (6) a stipulated premium company operating under
 1-44 Chapter 884;
- 1-45 (7) a fraternal benefit society operating under
 1-46 Chapter 885;
- 1-47 (8) a Lloyd's plan operating under Chapter 941; or
- 1-48 (9) an exchange operating under Chapter 942.

1-49 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, this subchapter applies
 1-50 to:

- 1-51 (1) a small employer health benefit plan subject to
 1-52 Chapter 1501, including coverage provided through a health group
 1-53 cooperative under Subchapter B of that chapter; and
- 1-54 (2) a standard health benefit plan issued under
 1-55 Chapter 1507.

1-56 Sec. 1366.102. EXCEPTIONS. This subchapter does not apply
 1-57 to:

- 1-58 (1) a health benefit plan that provides coverage:
 1-59 (A) for wages or payments in lieu of wages for a
 1-60 period during which an employee is absent from work because of
 1-61 sickness or injury; or

