

Amend CSHB 7, Senate committee printing, in ARTICLE 5 of the bill, by adding a new section, appropriately numbered, as follows:

SECTION 5.\_\_\_\_. (a) The commissioner of the Texas Department of Insurance shall study the conditions relating to medical liability insurance in this state. The commissioner shall compile information relating to the insurers providing professional liability insurance in this state, including information relating to:

(1) new professional liability insurance providers entering into business in this state since September 13, 2003; and

(2) professional liability insurance rates for physicians and other health care providers, including which insurers have altered rates from the rates the provider charged before September 13, 2003.

(b) The commissioner shall submit quarterly reports of its findings to each member of the legislature on the first day of November, February, May, and August.

(c) This section expires January 1, 2005.