

Amend SB 1173 (House Committee Printing) as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, line 7), strike "Section 1551.218" and substitute "Sections 1551.218 and 1551.219".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, immediately following added Section 1551.218, Insurance Code (page 2, between lines 3 and 4), insert the following:

Sec. 1551.219. MAIL ORDER REQUIREMENT FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE PROHIBITED. The board of trustees or a health benefit plan under this chapter that provides benefits for prescription drugs may not require a participant in the group benefits program to purchase a prescription drug through a mail order program. The board or health benefit plan shall require that a participant who chooses to obtain a prescription drug through a retail pharmacy or other method other than by mail order pay a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing obligation to cover the additional cost of obtaining a prescription drug through that method rather than by mail order.