

Amend SB 1173 by inserting the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS and renumbering the SECTIONS of the bill appropriately:

SECTION ____ . Section 1551.205, Insurance Code, as effective June 1, 2003, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1551.205. LIMITATIONS. The board of trustees may not contract for or provide a coverage plan that:

(1) excludes or limits coverage or services for acquired immune deficiency syndrome, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Public Health Service, or human immunodeficiency virus infection; [~~or~~]

(2) provides coverage for serious mental illness that is less extensive than the coverage provided for any physical illness; or

(3) provides coverage for prescription drugs to assist in stopping smoking at a lower benefit level than is provided for other prescription drugs.

SECTION ____ . Section 1551.205(3), Insurance Code, as added by this Act applies only to coverage contracted for or provided by the board of trustees established under Chapter 815, Government Code, to administer the Employees Retirement System of Texas on or after September 1, 2004. Coverage contracted for or provided by the board of trustees before September 1, 2004, is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.