

By: McClendon

H.B. No. 88

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 88:

By: Martinez Fischer

C.S.H.B. No. 88

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to coverage for certain prescriptions to stop smoking
3 under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
20 to coverage contracted for or provided by the board of trustees
21 established under Chapter 815, Government Code, to administer the
22 Employees Retirement System of Texas on or after September 1, 2004.
23 Coverage contracted for or provided by the board of trustees before
24 September 1, 2004, is governed by the law in effect immediately

1 before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in
2 effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.