Amend **SB 1697** (committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered section and renumbering subsequent sections accordingly:

Section ____. Section 226.005, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 226.005. TAX PAYMENT; DUE DATE. (a) The tax imposed by this subchapter is due and payable not later than:

(1) March 1 after the end of the calendar year in which the insurance was effectuated, continued, or renewed; or

(2) another date prescribed by the comptroller.

(b) An unauthorized insurer shall pay the tax imposed by this subchapter using a form prescribed by the comptroller. <u>An</u> <u>insured or agent may pay the tax in lieu of the unauthorized</u> <u>insurer.</u>

(c) <u>The tax under this section, if not paid when due, is a</u> <u>liability of the unauthorized insurer, the agent, and the insured</u> <u>until paid</u> [If an unauthorized insurer defaults in payment of the tax imposed by this subchapter, the insured is responsible for paying the tax].