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H.B. No. 532

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain investments by title insurance companies.

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

SECTION 1. Articles 4.51(5) and (13), Insurance Code, are amended to read as follows:

(5) "Certified investor" means an insurance company or other person that has state premium tax liability and [~~other than a title insurance company,~~] that contributes certified capital pursuant to an allocation of premium tax credits under this subchapter.

(13) "State premium tax liability" means:

(A) any liability incurred by any person under Chapter 221, 222, 223, or 224 of this code [~~Subchapter A of this chapter~~]; or

(B) if the tax liability imposed under Chapter 221, 222, 223, or 224 of this code [~~Subchapter A of this chapter on January 1, 2003,~~] is eliminated or reduced, any tax liability imposed on an insurance company or other person that had premium tax liability under Subchapter A of this chapter or Article 9.59 of this code as those laws existed on January 1, 2003 [~~on that date~~].

SECTION 2. Section 2551.151, Insurance Code, as effective April 1, 2005, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) A title insurance company may invest in a certified

1 capital company in the manner provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 4.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.