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H.B. No. 584

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reimbursement under certain health benefit plans for services provided by licensed athletic trainers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1451.001, Insurance Code, as effective April 1, 2005, is amended by adding Subdivision (8-a) to read as follows:

(8-a) "Licensed athletic trainer" means an individual licensed by the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 1451, Insurance Code, as effective April 1, 2005, is amended by adding Section 1451.1201 to read as follows:

Sec. 1451.1201. SELECTION OF LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINER. An insured may select a licensed athletic trainer to provide the services scheduled in the health insurance policy that are within the scope of the athletic trainer's license.

SECTION 3. This Act applies only to a health insurance policy or contract that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2006. A health insurance policy or contract that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2006, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.