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                                       A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
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                                                 AN ACT
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         relating to the applicability of certain insurance laws to
         multi-peril insurance policies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
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                 SECTION 1. Section 2(a), Article 5.13-2, Insurance Code, is
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         amended to read as follows:
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                       This article applies to all lines of the following
                 (a)
         insurance written under policies or contracts of insurance issued
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         by an insurer authorized to engage in the business of insurance in
         this state:
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                               general liability insurance;
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                         (2)
                              residential and commercial property insurance,
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         including farm and ranch insurance and farm and ranch owners
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         insurance;
                         (3)
                               personal
                                                    commercial casualty insurance,
                                           and
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         except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section;
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                         (4)
                               medical professional liability insurance;
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                        (5)
                               fidelity and surety bonds other than criminal
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         court appearance bonds;
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                               personal umbrella insurance;
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                         (7)
                               personal liability insurance;
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                         (8)
                               guaranteed auto protection (GAP) insurance;
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                         (9)
                               involuntary unemployment insurance;
                                financial guaranty insurance;
inland marine insurance;
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                                rain insurance;
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                                hail insurance on farm crops; [and]
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                         (14)
                                personal and commercial automobile insurance;
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         and
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                         (15)
                               multi-peril insurance.
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                 SECTION 2. Articles 5.81 and 5.81A, Insurance Code, are
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         repealed.
         SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a multi-peril insurance policy that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2006. A multi-peril insurance policy that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed
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         before January 1, 2006, is covered by the law in effect at the time
         the policy was delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.
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SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.