By: Smith of Tarrant H.B. No. 2552

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 2 relating to claims cost reporting requirements for issuers of 3 state-regulated group health benefit plans.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 1209.001, Chapter 1209, Insurance Code,
- 6 is amended to read as follows:
- 7 This chapter applies only to a group health benefit plan,
- 8 including a small or large employer health benefit plan written
- 9 under Chapter 1501, that:
- 10 SECTION 2. Section 1209.002, Chapter 1209, Insurance Code
- 11 is amended by adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as
- 12 follows:

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- 13 (c) A plan issuer shall provide information requested by an
- 14 employer under this section annually not later than the 30th day
- 15 <u>before the anniversary or renewal date of the employer's health</u>
- 16 benefit plan.
- 17 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), a plan issuer is not
- 18 required to provide information requested by an employer under this
- 19 section earlier than the 30th day after the date of the initial
- 20 <u>request.</u>
- (e) A plan issuer may not provide any information required
- 22 under this section if federal law prohibits the release of the
- 23 information.
- SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.