

AN ACT

relating to the program of supplemental health coverage for individuals eligible under the TRICARE military health system offered through the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1551.221, Insurance Code, as added by Chapter 178, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d) The board of trustees may:

(1) purchase the supplemental health coverage in accordance with Sections 1551.213-1551.216;

(2) offer the coverage through an entity that is not an eligible carrier but that is authorized to offer health insurance;  
or

(3) [~~or~~] if the board of trustees determines that it would be cost-effective, [~~may~~] provide the supplemental health coverage directly from the employees life, accident, and health insurance benefits fund in accordance with Sections 1551.208-1551.212.

(d-1) If the board of trustees enters into a contract under Subsection (d), the board may determine that the Employees Retirement System of Texas or any other entity may be named policyholder.

1           SECTION 2. Section 1551.221, Insurance Code, as added by  
2 Chapter 899, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005,  
3 is repealed.

4           SECTION 3. In implementing the voluntary supplemental  
5 health coverage program under Section 1551.221, Insurance Code, as  
6 amended by this Act, the board of trustees of the Employees  
7 Retirement System of Texas may enter into a contract based on a  
8 request for proposal before the effective date of this Act. An  
9 entity seeking to contract with the system under the program is not  
10 required to resubmit a proposal if the entity submitted a proposal  
11 before the effective date of this Act in response to the request for  
12 proposal by the board of trustees. This section expires September  
13 1, 2008.

14          SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3470 was passed by the House on May 10, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3470 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor