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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to certain information reporting requirements regarding
1-9 workers' compensation claims.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsections (a), (b), and (c), Section 2053.151,
1-12 Insurance Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) The commissioner by rule shall prescribe the
1-14 ~~[following]~~ information that must be reported on each workers'
1-15 compensation claim~~+~~

1-16 ~~[(1) the hazard classification of the affected~~
1-17 ~~employee;~~

1-18 ~~[(2) the date of injury;~~

1-19 ~~[(3) the social security number of the claimant;~~

1-20 ~~[(4) the severity classification of the claim,~~
1-21 ~~including separate classifications for:~~

1-22 ~~[(A) claims in which death benefits are paid;~~

1-23 ~~[(B) claims in which lifetime income benefits are~~
1-24 ~~paid;~~

1-25 ~~[(C) claims in which only temporary income~~
1-26 ~~benefits are paid;~~

1-27 ~~[(D) claims in which impairment income benefits~~
1-28 ~~are paid;~~

1-29 ~~[(E) claims in which supplemental income~~
1-30 ~~benefits are paid; and~~

1-31 ~~[(F) claims in which only medical benefits are~~
1-32 ~~paid;~~

1-33 ~~[(5) the amount paid in periodic payments;~~

1-34 ~~[(6) the amount paid in lump-sum payments;~~

1-35 ~~[(7) the amount paid for:~~

1-36 ~~[(A) temporary income benefits;~~

1-37 ~~[(B) impairment income benefits;~~

1-38 ~~[(C) supplemental income benefits; and~~

1-39 ~~[(D) death and burial benefits;~~

1-40 ~~[(8) the total amount paid for:~~

1-41 ~~[(A) income, death, or burial benefits; and~~

1-42 ~~[(B) medical benefits;~~

1-43 ~~[(9) the total amount of incurred losses for:~~

1-44 ~~[(A) income, death, or burial benefits; and~~

1-45 ~~[(B) medical benefits;~~

1-46 ~~[(10) the amount paid to:~~

1-47 ~~[(A) doctors and other health care providers; and~~

1-48 ~~[(B) hospitals and other health care facilities;~~

1-49 ~~and~~

1-50 ~~[(11) other information required by the~~
1-51 ~~commissioner].~~

1-52 (b) For purposes of Subsection (a), the commissioner shall
1-53 establish standards and procedures for categorizing insurance and
1-54 medical benefits required to be reported on each workers'
1-55 compensation claim~~. In establishing the standards, the~~
1-56 ~~commissioner shall consult with the Texas Workers' Compensation~~
1-57 ~~Commission] to ensure that the data collection methodology will~~
1-58 ~~yield data necessary for research and medical cost containment~~
1-59 ~~efforts.~~

1-60 (c) The commissioner by rule shall establish reporting
1-61 requirements for insurance companies regarding workers'
1-62 compensation claims ~~[may allow the information required by~~
1-63 ~~Subsection (a) to be reported in the aggregate for each risk for~~
1-64 ~~claims in which benefit payments are less than \$5,000]. The~~

2-1 commissioner may reduce or eliminate reporting requirements for
2-2 insurance companies whose workers' compensation insurance business
2-3 falls below a specific minimum premium volume established by the
2-4 commissioner by rule [~~adjust the \$5,000 threshold for aggregate~~
2-5 ~~reporting to account for inflationary changes~~].

2-6 SECTION 2. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
2-7 over another Act of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007,
2-8 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
2-9 codes.

2-10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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