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S.B. No. 728

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to incentives offered in relation to certain health
3 benefit plans for participation in programs promoting disease
4 prevention, wellness, and health.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 1201, Insurance Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 1201.013 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 1201.013. PROGRAMS PROMOTING DISEASE PREVENTION,
9 WELLNESS, AND HEALTH. (a) An insurer issuing an accident and
10 health insurance policy may establish premium discounts, rebates,
11 or a reduction in otherwise applicable copayments, coinsurance, or
12 deductibles, or any combination of these incentives, for an insured
13 who participates in programs promoting disease prevention,
14 wellness, and health.

15 (b) A discount, rebate, or reduction established under this
16 section does not violate Section 541.056(a).

17 SECTION 2. Section 1501.107(a), Insurance Code, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 (a) A small or large employer health benefit plan issuer may
20 establish premium discounts, rebates, or a reduction in otherwise
21 applicable copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles, or any
22 combination of these incentives, in return for participation in
23 [adherence to] programs promoting [of health promotion and] disease
24 prevention, wellness, and health.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.