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H.B. No. 1657

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to workers' compensation insurance coverage regarding  
3 certain contractors.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 406.121(1) and (5), Labor Code, are  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) "General contractor" means a person who undertakes  
8 to procure the performance of work or a service for the benefit of  
9 another, either separately or through the use of subcontractors.  
10 The term includes a "principal contractor," "original contractor,"  
11 "prime contractor," or other analogous term. The term does not  
12 include a motor carrier that provides a transportation service  
13 through the use of an owner operator.

14 (5) "Subcontractor" means a person who contracts with  
15 a general contractor to perform all or any part of the work or  
16 services that the general contractor has contracted with another  
17 party [~~undertaken~~] to perform.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.