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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notification of policyholders of changes in residential property insurance policies.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2002, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. NOTIFICATION REGARDING POLICY CHANGES

Sec. 2002.151. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "residential property insurance" means insurance coverage against loss to tangible personal property or to residential real property at a fixed location that is provided through a homeowners insurance policy, including a tenants insurance policy, a condominium owners insurance policy, or a residential fire and allied lines insurance policy.

Sec. 2002.152. NOTICE REGARDING CHANGES. An insurer that delivers, issues for delivery, or renews a policy of residential property insurance in this state shall notify the policyholder of any changes in the policy through a written statement:

(1) delivered by certified mail; or

(2) provided to the policyholder by the insurance agent representing the insurer who is the servicing agent on the policy.

Sec. 2002.153. RULES. The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to implement this subchapter.

1 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a residential property
2 insurance policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or
3 after January 1, 2010. A policy delivered, issued for delivery, or
4 renewed before January 1, 2010, is governed by the law as it existed
5 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is
6 continued in effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.