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H.B. No. 2198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the notice required of certain political subdivisions concerning certain workers' compensation benefits.

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

SECTION 1. Section 504.053, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

(f) If a political subdivision or pool provides medical benefits in a manner authorized under Subsection (b), the political subdivision or pool shall provide:

(1) the notice an insurance carrier or employer is required to provide to employees under Section 1305.005, Insurance Code; and

(2) any applicable information described by Section 1305.451, Insurance Code.

(g) An injured employee of a political subdivision or pool that provides medical benefits in a manner authorized under Subsection (b) shall be treated in the same manner as an injured employee is treated under Sections 1305.005(f) and (h), Insurance Code.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a claim for workers' compensation benefits based on a compensable injury that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. A claim based on a compensable injury that occurs before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on

1 the date the compensable injury occurred, and the former law is  
2 continued in effect for that purpose.

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