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H.B. No. 2562

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to insurance premium payment assistance for certain
3 persons who have hemophilia and are unable to pay the entire cost of
4 treatment.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 41.002, Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

8 (d) Instead of providing financial assistance under
9 Subsection (c), the department may assist an eligible person in
10 obtaining insurance by providing premium payment assistance. In
11 providing the premium payment assistance, the department may
12 contract with a nonprofit entity that is exempt from federal
13 taxation to make an insurance purchase on behalf of an eligible
14 person.

15 (e) For purposes of Section 1506.153, Insurance Code, a
16 medically eligible person for whom a third party nonprofit entity
17 makes an insurance purchase in accordance with a contract entered
18 into under Subsection (d) is not, as a result of that purchase, an
19 individual whose premiums are paid for or reimbursed under a
20 government-sponsored program or by a government agency or health
21 care provider.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.