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H.B. No. 3471

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain illegal pricing practices.

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

SECTION 1. Section 552.003(a), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if:

(1) the person knowingly or intentionally charges two different prices, including contractual allowances, for providing the same product or service; and

(2) the higher price charged, including contractual allowances, is based on the fact that an insurer or its insured will pay all or part of the price of the product or service.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For the purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

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