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H.B. No. 4344

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to regulation of premium rates for long-term care insurance.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 1651, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1651.056 to read as follows:

Sec. 1651.056. REVIEW; APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF PREMIUM RATES. (a) A long-term care premium rate may not be used until the rate has been filed with the department and approved by the commissioner.

(b) The commissioner may disapprove a long-term care premium rate that does not comply with standards established under this chapter or adopted by rule by the commissioner.

SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a long-term care insurance policy, contract, or evidence of coverage that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2010. A long-term care insurance policy, contract, or evidence of coverage delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2010, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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