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S.B. No. 109

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duties of the Texas Department of Insurance.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.002, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 31.002. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT. In addition to the other duties required of the Texas Department of Insurance, the department shall:

- (1) regulate the business of insurance in this state;
- (2) administer the workers' compensation system of this state as provided by Title 5, Labor Code; ~~and~~
- (3) ensure that this code and other laws regarding insurance and insurance companies are executed; and
- (4) promote fair and equitable practices and deter deceptive practices in the insurance market.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.