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S.B. No. 1479

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to exemptions from certain mandated benefit requirements in supplemental or limited coverage health benefit plans.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle G, Title 8, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Chapter 1509 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 1509. SUPPLEMENTAL OR LIMITED COVERAGE PLANS

Sec. 1509.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "supplemental or limited coverage plan" means a dental plan, a vision plan, an accident-only plan, a limited benefits plan, and other supplemental insurance policies as designated by the commissioner.

Sec. 1509.002. EXEMPTION. A supplemental or limited coverage plan is not required to provide coverage for a state-mandated benefit, as that term is used by Chapter 1507.

SECTION 2. This Act applies only to an insurance policy or contract or evidence of coverage that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2010. An insurance policy or 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.