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S.B. No. 1890

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to certain orders by the commissioner of insurance during  
3 a state of disaster.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 542, Insurance Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 542.062 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 542.062. COMMISSIONER POWERS DURING DISASTER. On  
8 declaration of a state of disaster under Section 418.014,  
9 Government Code, the commissioner may issue an order to suspend,  
10 for a period not longer than the duration of the declaration,  
11 enforcement of the regulation of on-premises outdoor signs by  
12 municipalities under Subchapter Z, Chapter 216, Local Government  
13 Code, for municipalities located in counties within and adjacent to  
14 the counties in the disaster area specified by the declaration, if  
15 the commissioner finds that such a suspension would facilitate the  
16 filing and processing of claims by persons affected by the  
17 disaster.

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