

Amend **HB 1951** by striking Section 4202.002(c), Insurance Code, and replacing it with the following language and renumbering existing SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 4202.002, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4202.002. ADOPTION OF STANDARDS FOR INDEPENDENT REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS. (c) In addition to the standards described by Subsection (b), the commissioner shall adopt standards and rules that:

(1) prohibit:

(A) an individual or entity from owning more than one independent review organization;

(B) an individual from owning stock in or serving on the board of more than one independent review organization;

(C) an individual who has served on the board of an independent review organization whose certification was revoked for cause from serving on the board of another independent review organization before the fifth anniversary of the date on which the revocation occurred; and

(D) an independent review organization from disclosing confidential patient information, except to a provider who is under contract to perform the review.

(2) require:

(A) an independent review organization to be based and certified in this state and to locate the organization's primary offices in this state.