

Amend SB 859 on third reading by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES and SECTIONS accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL HEALTH
INSURANCE POLICIES

SECTION _____.01. Subtitle A, Title 8, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Chapter 1221 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 1221. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL HEALTH
INSURANCE POLICIES

Sec. 1221.001. RULES; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS. The commissioner by rule, unless it would violate state or federal law, may develop procedures to allow an employer to make financial contributions to or premium payments for an employee or retiree's individual consumer directed health insurance policy in a manner that eliminates or minimizes the state or federal tax consequences, or provides positive state or federal tax consequences, to the employer.