

Amend CSSB 1579 (senate committee printing) in ARTICLE 10 of the bill as follows:

(1) In the heading to ARTICLE 10 (page 5, line 66) strike "FEE" and substitute "PREMIUM DIFFERENTIAL".

(2) Strike added Section 1551.3075, Insurance Code (page 6, lines 1-12) and substitute the following:

Sec. 1551.3075. TOBACCO USER PREMIUM DIFFERENTIAL.

(a) The board of trustees shall assess each participant in a health benefit plan provided under the group benefits program who uses one or more tobacco products a tobacco user premium differential, to be paid in monthly installments. Except as provided by Subsection (b), the board of trustees shall determine the amount of the monthly installments of the premium differential.

(b) If the General Appropriations Act for a state fiscal biennium sets the amount of the monthly installments of the tobacco user premium differential for that biennium, the board of trustees shall assess the premium differential during that biennium in the amount prescribed by the General Appropriations Act.

(3) In SECTION 10.02 of the bill, in added Section 1551.314(2), Insurance Code (page 6, line 22) strike "fee" and substitute "premium differential".

(4) In SECTION 10.03 of the bill (page 6, line 25) strike "fee" and substitute "premium differential".