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S.B. No. 800

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a workers' compensation data collection agent designated by the commissioner of workers' compensation.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 401, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 401.0245 to read as follows:

Sec. 401.0245. DATA COLLECTION AGENT. (a) The commissioner may designate and contract with a data collection agent to fulfill the data collection requirements of this subtitle.

(b) To qualify as a data collection agent, an organization must demonstrate at least five years of experience in data collection, data maintenance, data quality control, accounting, and related areas.

(c) The division on behalf of a designated data collection agent may assess and collect from a workers' compensation insurance carrier other than a governmental entity any fees necessary for the agent to recover the necessary and reasonable costs of collecting data from that carrier.

(d) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. Section 401.024(c), Labor Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.