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S.B. No. 1686

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to group health insurance coverage for persons wrongfully imprisoned.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 103.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 103.001. CLAIMANTS ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION AND INSURANCE.

SECTION 2. Section 103.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A person entitled to compensation under Subsection (a) is also entitled to group health insurance from the county in which the offense that was the subject of the wrongful conviction occurred as if the person were an employee of the county.

SECTION 3. Section 103.051, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) To apply for coverage under a county employee group health insurance plan under Section 103.001(d), the claimant must file:

(1) an application for coverage provided for that purpose by the county; and

(2) a statement by the comptroller that the comptroller has determined the claimant to be eligible for compensation under this subchapter.

1 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
2 person the comptroller has determined to be eligible for
3 compensation as provided by Section 103.051(b), Civil Practice and
4 Remedies Code, regardless of whether the eligibility determination
5 is made before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.