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S.B. No. 1770

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to contracts between advanced practice registered nurses and health maintenance organizations, preferred provider benefit plans or other insurers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 843, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 843.3116 to read as follows:

Sec. 843.3116. CONTRACTS WITH ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES. An advanced practice registered nurse whose services are provided within the limits of their knowledge, skills and training pursuant to a contract with a health maintenance organization is not subject to the requirements in Chapter 157 of the Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. Chapter 1301, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1301.070 to read as follows:

Section 1301.070 CONTRACTS WITH ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES. An advanced practice registered nurse whose services are provided within the limits of their knowledge, skills and training pursuant to a contract with a preferred provider is not subject to the requirements in Chapter 157 of the Occupations Code.

SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 1451, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1451.2066 to read as follows:

Sec. 1451.2066. CONTRACTS WITH ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES. An advanced practice registered nurse whose

1 services are provided within the limits of their knowledge, skills
2 and training pursuant to a contract with an insurer is not subject
3 to the requirements in Chapter 157 of the Occupations Code.

4 SECTION 4. Sections 843.3116 and 1451.2066, Insurance Code,
5 as added by this Act, apply only to a contract entered into or
6 renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract
7 entered into or renewed before the effective date of this Act is
8 governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date
9 of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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