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H.B. No. 592

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the definition of serious mental illness for purposes  
3 of certain group health benefit plans.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1355.001(1), Insurance Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) "Serious mental illness" means the following  
8 psychiatric illnesses as defined by the American Psychiatric  
9 Association in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental  
10 Disorders (DSM):

- 11 (A) bipolar disorders (hypomanic, manic,  
12 depressive, and mixed);  
13 (B) depression in childhood and adolescence;  
14 (C) major depressive disorders (single episode  
15 or recurrent);  
16 (D) obsessive-compulsive disorders;  
17 (E) paranoid and other psychotic disorders;  
18 (F) posttraumatic stress disorder;  
19 (G) schizo-affective disorders (bipolar or  
20 depressive); and  
21 (H) [~~(G)~~] schizophrenia.

22 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
23 to a group health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for  
24 delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2014. A group health

1 benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed  
2 before January 1, 2014, is governed by the law as it existed  
3 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is  
4 continued in effect for that purpose.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.