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S.B. No. 1152

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain fees charged for adjudication of claims under
3 health benefit plans.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1213.005, Insurance Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 1213.005. CERTAIN CHARGES PROHIBITED. A health
8 benefit plan or a third-party administrator or pharmacy benefit
9 manager acting on behalf of the health benefit plan may not directly
10 or indirectly charge or hold a health care professional, health
11 care facility, or person enrolled in a health benefit plan
12 responsible for a fee for the adjudication of a claim.

13 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a claim submitted on or
14 after September 1, 2013. A claim submitted before September 1,
15 2013, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before that
16 date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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