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S.B. No. 1386

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the nonforfeiture requirements of certain life insurance policies.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 1105, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1105.0015 to read as follows:

Sec. 1105.0015. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "operative date of the valuation manual" means the date, if any, on which the valuation manual described by Subchapter B, Chapter 425 (Standard Valuation Law), becomes operative as provided by that subchapter.

SECTION 2. Section 1105.055, Insurance Code, is amended by amending Subsections (h) and (i) and adding Subsections (j), (k), (l), and (m) to read as follows:

(h) For a policy issued before the operative date of the valuation manual, any ~~[Any]~~ ordinary mortality table adopted after 1980 by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners that is approved by rules adopted by the commissioner for use in determining the minimum nonforfeiture standard may be substituted for:

(1) the Commissioners 1980 Standard Ordinary Mortality Table with or without Ten-Year Select Mortality Factors;

or

(2) the Commissioners 1980 Extended Term Insurance Table.

1           (i) For a policy issued before the operative date of the  
2 valuation manual, any [Any] industrial mortality table adopted  
3 after 1980 by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners  
4 that is approved by rules adopted by the commissioner for use in  
5 determining the minimum nonforfeiture standard may be substituted  
6 for:

7                   (1) the Commissioners 1961 Standard Industrial  
8 Mortality Table; or

9                   (2) the Commissioners 1961 Industrial Extended Term  
10 Insurance Table.

11           (j) Except as provided by Subsection (k), for a policy  
12 described by Subsection (h) issued on or after the operative date of  
13 the valuation manual, the valuation manual must provide the  
14 commissioners' standard ordinary mortality table for use in  
15 determining the minimum nonforfeiture standard that may be  
16 substituted for:

17                   (1) the Commissioners 1980 Standard Ordinary  
18 Mortality Table with or without Ten-Year Select Mortality Factors;  
19 or

20                   (2) the Commissioners 1980 Extended Term Insurance  
21 Table.

22           (k) If the commissioner by rule adopts a commissioners'  
23 standard ordinary mortality table adopted by the National  
24 Association of Insurance Commissioners for use in determining the  
25 minimum nonforfeiture standard for policies issued on or after the  
26 operative date of the valuation manual, the minimum nonforfeiture  
27 standard determined in accordance with that table supersedes the

1 standard provided by the valuation manual.

2 (1) Except as provided by Subsection (m), for a policy  
3 described by Subsection (i) issued on or after the operative date of  
4 the valuation manual, the valuation manual must include the  
5 commissioners' standard industrial mortality table for use in  
6 determining the minimum nonforfeiture standard that may be  
7 substituted for:

8 (1) the 1961 Standard Industrial Mortality Table; or

9 (2) the Commissioners 1961 Industrial Extended Term  
10 Insurance Table.

11 (m) If the commissioner by rule adopts a commissioners'  
12 standard industrial mortality table adopted by the National  
13 Association of Insurance Commissioners for use in determining the  
14 minimum nonforfeiture standard for policies issued on or after the  
15 operative date of the valuation manual, the minimum nonforfeiture  
16 standard determined in accordance with that table supersedes the  
17 standard provided by the valuation manual.

18 SECTION 3. Section 1105.056, Insurance Code, is amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 Sec. 1105.056. NONFORFEITURE INTEREST RATE. (a) For a  
21 policy issued before the operative date of the valuation manual,  
22 the [The] annual nonforfeiture interest rate for a policy issued in  
23 a particular calendar year is equal to 125 percent of the calendar  
24 year statutory valuation interest rate for that policy as defined  
25 by Subchapter B, Chapter 425, rounded to the nearest one-fourth of  
26 one percent, except that the rate may not be less than four percent.

27 (b) For a policy issued on or after the operative date of the

1 valuation manual, the annual nonforfeiture interest rate for any  
2 policy issued in a particular calendar year is provided by the  
3 valuation manual.

4 SECTION 4. The commissioner of insurance may not implement  
5 this Act before the operative date of the valuation manual  
6 described by Section 1105.0015, Insurance Code, as added by this  
7 Act.

8 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect only if an Act of the 83rd  
9 Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, that amends Chapter 425,  
10 Insurance Code, to authorize the commissioner of insurance to adopt  
11 a standard valuation manual and provide an operative date for that  
12 manual is enacted and becomes law. If an Act of the 83rd  
13 Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, amending Chapter 425,  
14 Insurance Code, to authorize the commissioner of insurance to adopt  
15 a standard valuation manual and provide an operative date for that  
16 manual does not become law, this Act has no effect.

17 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.