

Amend SECTION 21 (Page 6, Lines 6-19 to 6-58) of CSSB 1628 (Senate Committee Report) as follows:

(1) Strike lines 6-19 and 6-20 and insert "SECTION 21. Section 27.02, Business & Commerce Code, is amended to read as follows:"

(2) Insert the following after (b) (Page 6, Line 6-58):

(c) An employee, agent, representative, contractor, adjuster, engineer, or any other individual issuing policies, handling claims, or performing any other acts on behalf of, or at the direction of, an insurer commits an offense if the person:

(1) knowingly alters, or causes to be altered, any report of damages to decrease, deflate, or otherwise manipulate the payment of a claim, or part of a claim;

(2) knowingly provides or causes to be provided to an insured any estimate or other statement as to the cost of repair for the good or service to be covered that has been decreased, deflated, or otherwise manipulated; or

(3) knowingly provides or causes to be provided to the insured any false information as to the scope of damage, cost of repair or policy coverage.

(d) [~~(e)~~] An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.