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H.B. No. 1038

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to insurance coverage for hemophilia medical treatment.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41.002, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) In addition to providing financial assistance under Subsection (c), the department may assist an eligible person in obtaining insurance by providing premium payment assistance.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 1506, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1506.1535 to read as follows:

Sec. 1506.1535. PARTICIPANTS IN HEMOPHILIA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Notwithstanding Section 1506.153, an individual is eligible for coverage from the pool if the individual receives financial assistance under the hemophilia assistance program described by Section 41.002, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.