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H.B. No. 2198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the investigation by the commissioner of insurance of acts of insurance fraud and other offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 701.102, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 701.102. INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN ACTS OF FRAUD AND OTHER OFFENSES. If the commissioner has reason to believe a person has engaged in, is engaging in, has committed, or is about to commit a fraudulent insurance act or an ~~the~~ offense ~~[of insurance fraud]~~ under the ~~[Section 35.02(a),]~~ Penal Code, the commissioner may conduct any investigation necessary inside or outside this state to:

(1) determine whether the act or offense occurred; or
(2) aid in enforcing laws relating to fraudulent insurance acts or offenses under the Penal Code, including by providing technical or litigation assistance to other governmental agencies ~~[insurance fraud]~~.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.