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H.B. No. 2967

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to collection and use of certain information reported to  
3 and by the Texas Department of Insurance and certain approval  
4 authority and hearings held in connection with reported  
5 information.

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

7 ARTICLE 1. AMENDMENTS AFFECTING REPORTING AND RELATED HEARINGS

8 SECTION 1.01. Sections 2053.056(a) and (b), Insurance Code,  
9 are amended to read as follows:

10 (a) The commissioner may [~~shall~~] conduct a public hearing  
11 each biennium[~~, beginning not later than December 1, 2008,~~] to  
12 review rates to be charged for workers' compensation insurance  
13 written in this state. A public hearing under this section is not a  
14 contested case as defined by Section 2001.003, Government Code.

15 (b) Not later than the 30th day before the date of a [the]  
16 public hearing conducted [~~required~~] under Subsection (a), each  
17 insurance company subject to this subtitle [~~and Article 5.66~~] shall  
18 file the insurance company's rates, supporting information, and  
19 supplementary rating information with the commissioner.

20 SECTION 1.02. Section 2251.008, Insurance Code, is amended  
21 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 2251.008. ANNUAL [~~QUARTERLY~~] REPORT OF INSURER;  
23 LEGISLATIVE REPORT. (a) The commissioner shall require each  
24 insurer subject to this subchapter to annually [~~quarterly~~] file

1 with the commissioner information relating to changes in losses,  
2 premiums, and market share since January 1, 1993. The commissioner  
3 may require an insurer subject to this subchapter to report to the  
4 commissioner, in the form and in the time required by the  
5 commissioner, any other information the commissioner determines is  
6 necessary to comply with this section.

7 (b) Annually [~~Quarterly~~], the commissioner shall report to  
8 the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of  
9 representatives, the legislature, and the public regarding:

10 (1) the information provided to the commissioner,  
11 other than information made confidential by law, in the insurers'  
12 reports under Subsection (a); and

13 (2) market conduct, especially rates and consumer  
14 complaints.

15 (c) The report required by this section must cover a  
16 calendar year [~~quarter~~] and:

17 (1) for each insurer that writes a line of insurance  
18 subject to this subchapter, must state the insurer's:

19 (A) market share;

20 (B) profits and losses;

21 (C) average loss ratio; and

22 (D) whether the insurer submitted a rate filing  
23 during the year [~~quarter~~] covered in the report; and

24 (2) for each rate filing submitted under Subdivision  
25 (1)(D), must indicate any significant impact on policyholders, the  
26 overall rate change from the rate previously used by the insurer  
27 stated as a percentage, and any rate changes for the previous 12,

1 24, and 36 months.

2 (d) Except as provided by Subsection (e), the annual  
3 [~~quarterly~~] report required by this section must be made available  
4 to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of  
5 representatives, legislature, and public not later than the 90th  
6 day after the last day of the calendar year [~~quarter~~] covered by the  
7 report.

8 (e) If the commissioner determines that it is not feasible  
9 to provide the report required by this section within the period  
10 specified by Subsection (d) for all lines of insurance subject to  
11 this subchapter, the department:

12 (1) shall make the annual [~~quarterly~~] report, as  
13 applicable to lines of residential property insurance and personal  
14 automobile insurance, available within the period specified by  
15 Subsection (d); and

16 (2) may delay publication of the annual [~~quarterly~~]  
17 report as it relates to other lines of insurance subject to this  
18 subchapter until a date specified by the commissioner.

19 SECTION 1.03. Section 2251.101(b), Insurance Code, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (b) The commissioner by rule shall:

22 (1) determine the information required to be included  
23 in the filing, including:

24 (A) categories of supporting information and  
25 supplementary rating information;

26 (B) statistics or other information to support  
27 the rates to be used by the insurer;

1           (C) [~~including~~] information necessary to  
2 evidence that the computation of the rate does not include  
3 disallowed expenses for personal lines; and

4           (D) [~~(C)~~] information concerning policy fees,  
5 service fees, and other fees that are charged or collected by the  
6 insurer under Section 550.001 or 4005.003; and

7           (2) prescribe the process through which the department  
8 requests supplementary rating information and supporting  
9 information under this section, including:

10           (A) the number of times the department may make a  
11 request for information; and

12           (B) the types of information the department may  
13 request when reviewing a rate filing.

14           ARTICLE 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

15           SECTION 2.01. Sections 1501.109(a), (b), and (c), Insurance  
16 Code, are amended to read as follows:

17           (a) A small or large employer health benefit plan issuer may  
18 elect to refuse to renew all small or large employer health benefit  
19 plans delivered or issued for delivery by the issuer in this state  
20 or in a geographic service area [~~approved under Section 1501.101~~].  
21 The issuer shall notify:

22           (1) the commissioner of the election not later than  
23 the 180th day before the date coverage under the first plan  
24 terminates under this subsection; and

25           (2) each affected covered small or large employer not  
26 later than the 180th day before the date coverage terminates for  
27 that employer.

1 (b) A small employer health benefit plan issuer that elects  
2 under this section to refuse to renew all small employer health  
3 benefit plans in this state or in a [an approved] geographic service  
4 area may not write a new small employer health benefit plan in this  
5 state or in the geographic service area, as applicable, before the  
6 fifth anniversary of the date notice is provided to the  
7 commissioner under Subsection (a).

8 (c) A large employer health benefit plan issuer that elects  
9 under this section to refuse to renew all large employer health  
10 benefit plans in this state or in a [an approved] geographic service  
11 area may not write a new large employer health benefit plan in this  
12 state or in the geographic service area, as applicable, before the  
13 fifth anniversary of the date notice is provided to the  
14 commissioner under Subsection (a).

15 SECTION 2.02. Section 2206.002(b), Insurance Code, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (b) The pool[+] ~~shall collect the necessary information and file~~  
18 ~~with the department the reports required by Subchapter D, Chapter~~  
19 ~~38, and~~  
20 ~~with the department the reports required by Subchapter D, Chapter~~  
21 ~~38, and~~ [(2)] is subject to Chapter 541 and Section 543.001.

22 SECTION 2.03. Section 2207.002(b), Insurance Code, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (b) A pool[+] ~~shall collect the necessary information and file~~  
25 ~~with the department the reports required by Subchapter D, Chapter~~  
26 ~~38, and~~  
27 ~~with the department the reports required by Subchapter D, Chapter~~  
28 ~~38, and~~

1           ~~[(2)]~~ is subject to Chapter 541 and Section 543.001.

2           SECTION 2.04. Section 2208.002(b), Insurance Code, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4           (b) The pool is subject to Chapter 541 ~~[and Subchapter D,~~  
5 ~~Chapter 38]~~.

6           SECTION 2.05. Section 2212.053(a), Insurance Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8           (a) A trust shall file with the department:

9                   (1) all rates and forms, for informational purposes  
10 only; and

11                   (2) ~~[all liability claims reports required under~~  
12 ~~Subchapter D, Chapter 38; and~~

13                   ~~[(3)]~~ the trust's independently audited annual  
14 financial statement.

15                                   ARTICLE 3. REPEALER

16           SECTION 3.01. The following provisions of the Insurance  
17 Code are repealed:

- 18                   (1) Section 32.0221;
- 19                   (2) Subchapters C, D, and I, Chapter 38;
- 20                   (3) Section 425.107;
- 21                   (4) Section 542.006(c);
- 22                   (5) Section 1501.056(c);
- 23                   (6) Section 1501.101(a); and
- 24                   (7) Section 4201.204(c).

25                                   ARTICLE 4. TRANSITION; EFFECTIVE DATE

26           SECTION 4.01. (a) Sections 2206.002(b), 2207.002(b),  
27 2208.002(b), and 2212.053(a), Insurance Code, as amended by this

1 Act, and the repeal by this Act of Subchapter D, Chapter 38,  
2 Insurance Code, apply only to a claim closed on or after January 1,  
3 2016. A claim closed before January 1, 2016, is governed by the law  
4 as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and  
5 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

6 (b) Section [2251.008](#), Insurance Code, as amended by this  
7 Act, applies with respect to reporting by insurers to, and  
8 reporting to the legislature by, the commissioner of insurance on  
9 or after January 1, 2016. Reporting by insurers and the  
10 commissioner before that date is governed by the law as it existed  
11 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is  
12 continued in effect for that purpose.

13 SECTION 4.02. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.