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H.B. No. 3754

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to access to consumer information regarding roofing contractors.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 5, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Chapter 525 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 525. CONSUMER GUIDE TO ROOFING CONTRACTORS

Sec. 525.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "roofing contractor" means an individual or entity that installs, constructs, maintains, repairs, alters, or modifies a roofing product for a commercial or residential roof.

Sec. 525.002. CONSUMER GUIDE; ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The department shall develop a consumer guide to post on the department's Internet website that consumers may access to obtain information about selecting a roofing contractor in connection with an insurance claim.

(b) The commissioner shall appoint a committee to advise the department regarding the information to include in the consumer guide. The advisory committee shall be composed of an equal number of members from each of the following groups of stakeholders:

(1) roofing contractors, including independent roofing contractors;

(2) license holders under Chapters 4101 and 4102;

(3) property and casualty insurers; and

1 (4) consumers.

2 Sec. 525.003. CONSUMER GUIDE INFORMATION FOR CLAIMANTS.

3 The commissioner by rule shall require, in consultation with the
4 advisory committee established under Section 525.002, an insurer to
5 include with the insurer's acknowledgment of receipt of the claim
6 under Section 542.055 for a loss related to a roof:

7 (1) notice that a consumer guide to selecting a
8 roofing contractor in connection with the claim is available on the
9 department's Internet website and the Internet address of the
10 department's website; or

11 (2) the information included in the consumer guide
12 developed under Section 525.002.

13 SECTION 2. The commissioner of insurance shall ensure that
14 the consumer guide developed under Section 525.002, Insurance Code,
15 as added by this Act, is posted on the Internet website of the Texas
16 Department of Insurance and available to insurers for inclusion in
17 an acknowledgment of the receipt of a claim not later than January
18 1, 2016.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.