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S.B. No. 1659

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a coverage summary for certain property and casualty insurance policies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.005(a), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) the department's name and address; ~~and~~

(3) the department's toll-free telephone number maintained under Subchapter B; ~~and~~

(4) a coverage summary or other informational material to help consumers understand the insurance policy offered or purchased.

SECTION 2. Section 521.005, Insurance Code, is amended to add the following:

(c) The commissioner may adopt by rule requirements for a coverage summary or other informational material.

(d) Subsections (a) (4) and (c) apply to an insurer, as defined in Section 38.002, and a farm mutual insurance company, writing personal automobile or homeowners insurance as defined in Section 2301.051 in this state, and their agents.

SECTION 3. This Act applies only to an insurance policy that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2016. A policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2016, is governed by the law as it existed immediately

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1 before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in
2 effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.