By: Smithee (Senate Sponsor - Creighton)

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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to provisional permits for certain insurance agents.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4001.351, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

This APPLICABILITY. Sec. 4001.351. subchapter applies only to an applicant for a license as an agent under:

> (1)Subchapters B and E, Chapter 4051; and

(2) Subchapters B, D, [and] E, and G, Chapter 4054. SECTION 2. Section 4001.353(a), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

- (a) The department may issue a provisional permit under this subchapter on receipt of:
  - (1) a written application for a provisional permit;
- (2)a properly completed license application, nonrefundable fee, and each other item required for a license under this chapter and Subchapter B or E, Chapter 4051, or Subchapter B, D,  $[\frac{\text{or }G}{\text{or }G}]$  E,  $\frac{\text{or }G}{\text{or }G}$  Chapter 4054, as applicable;
- (3) the nonrefundable fee in an amount authorized by Subsection (c); and
- (4) a certificate signed by the appointing agent, insurer, or health maintenance organization stating that:
- the applicant completed the training, if any, (A) and passed the examination required for the issuance of the license for which the application is submitted;
- (B) the appointing agent, insurer, or health maintenance organization completed a background check on the applicant that shows that the applicant has not been convicted of:

(i) a felony; or

(ii) an act that requires the applicant to receive written consent under 18 U.S.C. Section 1033 to engage in the business of insurance;

(C) the applicant has not responded affirmatively to any question on the license application that indicates the applicant has a criminal conviction or has been involved in an administrative action that may disqualify the applicant from receiving a license; and

(D) the appointing agent, insurer, or health maintenance organization will supervise the work of the applicant. SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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