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H.B. No. 2501

	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1	AN ACT
2	relating to insurance requirements for certain nonemergency
3	medical transportation.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Section 1954.001(4), Insurance Code, is amended
6	to read as follows:
7	(4) "Transportation network company" means a
8	corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity
9	operating in this state that uses a digital network to connect a
10	transportation network company rider to a transportation network
11	company driver for a prearranged ride. [The term does not include
12	an entity arranging nonemergency medical transportation under a
13	contract with the state or a managed care organization for
14	individuals qualifying for Medicaid or Medicare.]
15	SECTION 2. Section 1954.002, Insurance Code, is amended to
16	read as follows:
17	Sec. 1954.002. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. (a) This chapter
18	applies to automobile insurance policies in this state, including
19	policies issued by a Lloyd's plan, a reciprocal or interinsurance
20	exchange, and a county mutual insurance company.
21	(b) This chapter does not apply to an entity arranging
22	nonemergency medical transportation services under a contract with
23	the state or a managed care organization for individuals qualifying
24	for Medicaid or Medicare unless the entity:

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1	(1) provides the transportation services through a
2	digital network that connects transportation network company
3	drivers to transportation network company riders for prearranged
4	<u>rides;</u>
5	(2) contracts individually with each transportation
6	network company driver who is connected to transportation network
7	company riders for the prearranged rides through the entity's
8	digital network; and
9	(3) otherwise meets all requirements under the
10	Medicaid or Medicare program for delivery of nonemergency medical
11	transportation services.
12	SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.