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H.B. No. 4213

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authorization of health benefit plans that do not contain state-mandated health benefits.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1507, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. CATASTROPHIC PLANS

Sec. 1507.100. CATASTROPHIC HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS.

Notwithstanding Subchapters A and B or any existing requirement, a health carrier or health maintenance organization may offer a catastrophic health benefit plan that does not include state-mandated health benefits as described by 1507.003(a) and 1507.053(a).

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a standard health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after September 1, 2017. A policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before September 1, 2017, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.