By:  Frullo (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 1306

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2019; April 24, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce; May 10, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 10, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hancock              X

Nichols              X

Campbell             X

Creighton            X

Menéndez             X

Paxton               X

Schwertner           X

Whitmire                       X

Zaffirini            X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of flood coverage under insurance policies issued by surplus lines insurers.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 981.004, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e)  Subsections (a)(1) and (b) do not apply to flood coverage under an insurance policy issued by an eligible surplus lines insurer that has a financial strength rating of A- or better from the A. M. Best Company.

SECTION 2.  Section 981.004(e), Insurance Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an insurance policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2020. A policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2020, 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, 2019.

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