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H.B. No. 1554

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the language of personal automobile or residential  
3 property insurance policy documents and related materials.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2301, Insurance Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 2301.058 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 2301.058. PROVISION OF POLICY DOCUMENTS AND RELATED  
8 MATERIALS IN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH. (a) An insurer may  
9 provide a customer a version of a personal automobile or  
10 residential property insurance policy or endorsement, or related  
11 explanatory or advertising material, in a language other than  
12 English.

13 (b) In the case of a dispute or complaint, the English  
14 version of the insurance policy documents controls.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.