

1-1 By: Smithee (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1554
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2019;
 1-3 April 16, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Business & Commerce; May 2, 2019, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 2, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Nichols	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Creighton	X			
1-11 Menéndez	X			
1-12 Paxton	X			
1-13 Schwertner	X			
1-14 Whitmire			X	
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the language of personal automobile or residential
 1-20 property insurance policy documents and related materials.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2301, Insurance Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 2301.058 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 2301.058. PROVISION OF POLICY DOCUMENTS AND RELATED
 1-25 MATERIALS IN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH. (a) An insurer may
 1-26 provide a customer a version of a personal automobile or
 1-27 residential property insurance policy or endorsement, or related
 1-28 explanatory or advertising material, in a language other than
 1-29 English. The version of the document must state, in the language of
 1-30 the version, that the English version of the insurance policy
 1-31 document controls.

1-32 (b) In the case of a dispute or complaint, the English
 1-33 version of the insurance policy document controls.

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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