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H.B. No. 1944

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to extension of deadlines for claims and related
3 settlement and dispute resolution under the Texas Windstorm
4 Insurance Association Act.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section [2210.581](#), Insurance Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read
8 as follows:

9 (a) Subject to Subsection (b), the commissioner, on a
10 showing of good cause, may by rule:

11 (1) extend any deadline established under this
12 subchapter; and

13 (2) set the length of the extension.

14 (b) With reference to deadlines applicable to the
15 association only, all deadline extensions related to claims arising
16 from [filed during] a particular storm [catastrophe year, the
17 extension of deadlines under Subsection (a)] may not exceed 120
18 days in the aggregate. This subsection does not affect the
19 extension of a deadline applicable to a claimant or to both the
20 association and a claimant.

21 (d) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to
22 implement this section. Section [2001.0045](#), Government Code, does
23 not apply to rules adopted under this subsection.

24 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

1 to a claim filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A claim
2 filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law
3 applicable to the claim immediately before the effective date of
4 this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.