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H.B. No. 1626

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of credit scoring information by an insurer during and after a disaster.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 559, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 559.104 to read as follows:

Sec. 559.104. DISASTERS. (a) An insurer may not increase an insured's premium or take an action that results in an adverse effect based on a factor on a consumer's credit report or change in a consumer's credit score that occurs during:

(1) the period that a disaster declaration under Chapter 418, Government Code, is in effect for the area in which the consumer's residence is located; or

(2) the two-year period following the date the disaster declaration expires or is terminated.

(b) An insurer is not out of compliance with any law or rule relating to underwriting, rating, or rate filing as a result of complying with this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.