

By: Bell of Montgomery

H.B. No. 4469

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of workers' compensation insurance and group accident and health insurance together in a packaged plan.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2052, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 2052.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 2052.005. CONTRACTS WITH ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PROVIDE MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE AND MEDICAL BENEFITS.

(a) Subject to Subsection (c), a workers' compensation insurance company may contract with an accident and health insurance company to offer to employers a workers' compensation insurance policy and a group accident and health insurance policy together in one packaged plan under which employees and their dependents are eligible for major medical expense coverage and employees are covered for medical benefits and other benefits required by Chapter 408, Labor Code.

(b) A packaged plan offered under this section must provide that medical examinations required under Subchapter A, Chapter 408, Labor Code, are covered exclusively under the workers' compensation insurance policy included in the packaged plan.

(c) The commissioner must approve an agreement described by Subsection (a) and the policy forms to be used for the packaged plan.

(d) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to

1 implement this section.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2022.