

By: Plesa

H.B. No. 2562

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to coverage for low-THC cannabis under certain group benefit plans for governmental employees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 1551, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1551.231 to read as follows:

Sec. 1551.231. COVERAGE FOR LOW-THC CANNABIS. A health benefit plan offered under the group benefits program must provide coverage for low-THC cannabis prescribed to a participant under Chapter 169, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 1575, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1575.174 to read as follows:

Sec. 1575.174. COVERAGE FOR LOW-THC CANNABIS. A health benefit plan offered under the group program, other than a Medicare Advantage plan or a Medicare prescription drug plan, must provide coverage for low-THC cannabis prescribed to an enrollee under Chapter 169, Occupations Code.

SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 1579, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1579.112 to read as follows:

Sec. 1579.112. COVERAGE FOR LOW-THC CANNABIS. A health coverage plan provided under this chapter must provide coverage for low-THC cannabis prescribed to an enrollee under Chapter 169, Occupations Code.

SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only

H.B. No. 2562

1 to a plan year that commences on or after January 1, 2024.

2 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.