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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

2 relating to the use of installment premium payment plans on Texas

- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 2210.2032, Insurance Code, is amended to
- 6 add Section 2210.2032(c) to read as follows:

Windstorm Insurance Association policies.

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- 7 Sec. 2210.2032. PREMIUM PAYMENT METHODS. (a) The
- 8 association shall accept payment of premium by credit card. The
- 9 association may impose a fee on a policyholder for the use of a
- 10 credit card to pay premium. The fee may not exceed the amount
- 11 necessary to recoup the cost incurred by the association in
- 12 connection with the policyholder's use of a credit card.
- 13 (b) The association shall provide to policyholders the
- 14 option to pay premium in installments. A policyholder that pays
- 15 premium in accordance with an installment payment plan established
- 16 by the association and remains current on the payments satisfies
- 17 the obligation for payment of premium under this chapter.
- 18 <u>(c)</u> Due to the availability of multiple installment payment
- 19 plans directly through the association at no additional cost to the
- 20 insured, the use of premium financing arrangements is prohibited.
- 21 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply to
- 22 policies issued and renewed on or after January 1, 2026.
- 23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.