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SECTION 1. Section 551.001(a), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:
(a) The commissioner may, as necessary, adopt and enforce reasonable rules, including notice requirements, relating to:

(1) the cancellation and nonrenewal of any insurance policy regulated by the department under:
(A) [(1)] Chapter 5;
(B) [(2)] Chapter 1804, 1805, 2171, or 2301; or
(C) [(3)] Subtitle C, D, E, or F, Title 10; and
(2) the declination of a completed and submitted application for any insurance policy regulated by the department under a provision of this code listed in Subdivision (1) other than a workers' compensation insurance policy.

SECTION 2. Section 551.002, Insurance Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) The commissioner shall require an insurer <u>that declines</u> a completed and submitted application for or cancels or refuses to renew an insurance policy to which Section 551.001 applies, other than a workers' compensation insurance policy [on request by an applicant for insurance or a policyholder], to provide to the applicant or policyholder a written statement of the reasons for the declination, cancellation, or nonrenewal of <u>the</u> [an insurance] policy [to which Section 551.001 applies].

(a-1) The commissioner shall require an insurer that writes workers' compensation insurance, on request by an applicant for workers' compensation insurance or a policyholder, to provide to the applicant or policyholder a written statement SECTION 1. Section 551.001(a), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:
(a) The commissioner may, as necessary, adopt and enforce reasonable rules, including notice requirements, relating to the <u>declination of a completed and submitted application for or the cancellation or [and]</u> nonrenewal of any insurance policy regulated by the department under:
(1) Chapter 5;
(2) Chapter 1804, 1805, 2171, or 2301; or
(3) Subtitle C, D, E, or F, Title 10.

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(a) The commissioner shall require an insurer <u>that declines</u> a completed and submitted application for or cancels or refuses to renew an insurance policy to which Section <u>551.001 applies</u>[, on request by an applicant for insurance or a policyholder,] to provide to the applicant or policyholder or the applicant's agent in accordance with Section <u>551.007</u>, as applicable, a written statement of the reasons for the declination, cancellation, or nonrenewal of <u>the</u> [an insurance] policy [to which Section <u>551.001 applies</u>].

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of the reasons for the declination of a completed and submitted application for a workers' compensation insurance policy or the cancellation or nonrenewal of a workers' compensation insurance policy.

SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 551, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 551.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 551.006. **REPORT REQUIRED**. (a) An insurer shall provide to the department at least once each quarter a written report summarizing the insurer's reasons for declination, cancellation, or nonrenewal provided to applicants for insurance or policyholders as required by this chapter. The report must be:

(1) in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner; and

(2) organized by the zip codes of the applicants and policyholders, as applicable, that received the statement.
(b) The department shall post an aggregated summary of the reports provided under this section on the department's Internet website. The aggregated summary:
(1) must be organized by the zip codes of the applicants and policyholders, as applicable; and
(2) may not identify, directly or indirectly, any insurer.

(c) This section does not apply to reasons for declination, cancellation, or nonrenewal provided to applicants for or policyholders of workers' compensation insurance policies.

SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 551, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Sections 551.006, 551.007, and 551.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 551.006. QUARTERLY REPORT. (a) An insurer shall provide to the department each quarter a written report summarizing the insurer's written statements of reasons for declination, cancellation, or nonrenewal provided to applicants for insurance or policyholders as required by this chapter. The report must be:

(1) in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner; and

(2) organized by the zip code of the applicant or policyholder that received the statement.

(b) The department shall post a report provided under this section on the department's Internet website.

(c) The department shall protect to the extent possible the trade secrets, business practices, and identity of an insurer

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	who provides a written report posted under Subsection (b). [FA1]
	 Sec. 551.007. NOTICE OF DECLINATION FOR COMMERCIAL LINES OF INSURANCE. (a) An insurer must deliver a notice of a declination required by this chapter for a completed and submitted application for a commercial line of insurance to the applicant's agent. (b) On receiving a notice described by Subsection (a), an agent shall disclose the declination to the applicant and make the notice available for the applicant to review. Sec. 551.008. ELECTRONIC DELIVERY. An insurer may deliver notice or a written statement of a declination, cancellation, or nonrenewal required by this chapter electronically in accordance with Chapter 35.
pter A, Chapter 551, Insurance Code,	No equivalent provision.

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SECTION 4. Subchapter A, is amended by adding Section 551.007 to read as follows: ELECTRONIC DELIVERY. Sec. 551.007. Notwithstanding any other law, an insurer may deliver notice or a written statement of a declination required by this chapter by electronic means.

SECTION 5. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 551, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows: SUBCHAPTER B. DECLINATION, CANCELLATION, AND NONRENEWAL OF CERTAIN LIABILITY AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INSURANCE POLICIES

SECTION 4. Same as House version.

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SECTION 6. Subchapter B, Chapter 551, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 551.0521 to read as follows: Sec. 551.0521. WRITTEN NOTICE OF DECLINATION REQUIRED. An insurer that declines a completed and submitted application for a liability insurance or commercial property insurance policy shall deliver or mail written notice of the declination to the applicant.

SECTION 7. Section 551.055, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 551.055. REASON FOR <u>DECLINATION</u>, CANCELLATION, OR NONRENEWAL REQUIRED. In a notice to an <u>applicant or</u> insured relating to <u>declination</u>, cancellation, or refusal to renew, an insurer must state the reason for the <u>declination</u>, cancellation, or nonrenewal. The statement must comply with:

(1) Sections 551.002(b) and (c); and

(2) rules adopted under Section 551.002(d).

SECTION 8. Section 551.109, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 551.109. INSURER STATEMENT. An insurer shall[$_{\overline{7}}$ at the request of an applicant for insurance or an insured,] provide a written statement of the reason for a declination of a completed and submitted application for an insurance

policy or a[,] cancellation[,] or nonrenewal of an insurance policy. The statement must comply with:

(1) Sections 551.002(b) and (c); and

(2) rules adopted under Section 551.002(d).

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SECTION 6. Same as House version.

SECTION 7. Section 551.109, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 551.109. INSURER STATEMENT. An insurer shall[, at the request of an applicant for insurance or an insured,] provide a written statement of the reason for a declination, cancellation, or nonrenewal of an insurance policy.

The statement must comply with: (1) Sections 551.002(b) and (c); and (2) rules adopted under Section 551.002(d).

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SECTION 9. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, the changes in law made by this Act apply only to an application for insurance that is made or an insurance policy that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. An application made or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to Section 551.006, Insurance Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 10. This Act takes effect March 1, 2026.

SECTION 8.

The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for insurance that is made or an insurance policy that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. An application made or policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.