CHAPTER 824

S.B. No. 955

An Act relating to regulation of certain out-of-state group accident and health insurance coverage under state law and by the State Board of Insurance; adding Article 3.51-10 to Chapter 3, Insurance Code.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Article 3.51-10 to read as follows:

"Article 3.51-10. REGULATION OF OUT-OF-STATE GROUP ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE. This code and regulation by the State Board of Insurance under this code apply to:

"(1) a certificate of insurance issued to a resident of this state under a group accident and health insurance policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed outside this state by an insurer that is not a domestic company or a foreign company authorized to transact business in this state under a certificate of authority issued under Article 3.24-1 of this code; or

"(2) a certificate issued to a resident of this state under a policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed outside this state by a nonprofit hospital and medical service plan corporation that is not authorized to operate in this state under Chapter 20 of this code."

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect on September 1, 1985.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 18, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; Senate concurred in House amendments on May 27, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendments, on May 25, 1985, by a non-record vote.

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