

- SUBJECT:** Nonsubstantive recodification of Insurance Code titles
- COMMITTEE:** State Affairs — favorable, with amendment
- VOTE:** 9 ayes — Wolens, S. Turner, Bailey, Brimer, Counts, Danburg, Longoria, McCall, McClendon
- 0 nays
- 6 absent — Craddick, Hilbert, Hunter, D. Jones, Marchant, Merritt
- WITNESSES:** For — *Registered but did not testify:* Jim Shawn, Capitol County Mutual
- Against — None
- On — Deborah Fulton, Texas Legislative Council
- BACKGROUND:** Under Government Code, sec. 323.007, the Texas Legislative Council is required to make periodic revisions to Texas statutes to make them more accessible, understandable and usable without altering the sense, meaning or effect of the law. As part of this process, the Legislative Council reclassifies and rearranges statutes in a more logical order; employs a numbering system and format that will accommodate future expansion of the law; eliminates repealed, invalid and duplicative provisions; and improves the draftsmanship of the law.
- The 76th Legislature in 1999 enacted SB 1467 by Harris, which collected and rearranged various parts of the Insurance Code.
- DIGEST:** HB 2811, as amended, would add new titles to the Insurance Code, collecting and rearranging statutes involving:
- ! organization of insurers and related entities (new Title 6);
 - ! life insurance practices and professions related to real property and housing (Title 7);
 - ! health benefits and other coverages for governmental employees (Title 8, subtitle H).

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The bill would state legislative intent that HB 2811 is a nonsubstantive recodification authorized by Art. 3, sec. 43 of the Texas Constitution.

The bill would take effect June 1, 2003.

NOTES:

The committee amendment would collect and rearrange additional provisions involving insurance.

The companion bill, SB 1361 by Cain, was referred to the Senate Administration Committee.

A related bill, HB 2809 by Wolens, which would require courts or other entities interpreting codified statutes to give them the same effect and meaning that they would have been given before their codification, among other changes, was reported favorably, without amendment, by the House State Affairs Committee on April 9.