(e) If a first application for a disabled parking placard under this section is made by or on behalf of a person with:

(1) a mobility problem caused by a disorder of the foot, the notarized written statement or written prescription required by Subsection (c) may be issued by a person licensed to practice podiatry in this state or a state adjacent to this state; or

(2) a disability caused by an impairment of vision as provided by Section 681.001(2), the notarized written statement or written prescription required by Subsection (c) may be issued by a person licensed to engage in the practice of optometry or the practice of therapeutic optometry in this state or a state adjacent to this state.

(f) In this section, “practice of optometry” and “practice of therapeutic optometry” have the meanings assigned by Section 351.002, Occupations Code.

SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an application for a disabled parking placard or disabled license plates submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An application submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate on April 23, 2009: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 141, Nays 2, two present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 532

S.B. No. 1377

AN ACT
relating to the administration of the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund.

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

SECTION 1. Article 56.54, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (m) to read as follows:

(m) Not later than September 15 of each year, the attorney general, after consulting with the comptroller, shall certify the amount of money remaining in the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund at the end of the preceding state fiscal year. If the amount remaining in the fund exceeds $5 million, as soon as practicable after the date of certification, the attorney general may transfer from that excess amount in the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund to the compensation to victims of crime fund an amount that is not more than 50 percent of the excess amount in the auxiliary fund, to be used only for the purpose of making compensation payments during the fiscal year in which the amount is transferred.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Article 56.541, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(b) At the time the attorney general certifies the estimates made under Subsection (a), the attorney general shall also certify for the next state fiscal biennium the amount of excess money in the compensation to victims of crime fund available for the purposes of Subsection (c), calculated by multiplying [subtracting] the amount estimated under Subsection (a)(2) by 105 percent, and subtracting that product from the sum of the amounts estimated under Subsections (a)(1) and (a)(3).

SECTION 3. The attorney general may not transfer money under Subsection (m), Article 56.54, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, before the 2011 state fiscal year.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.
CHAPTER 533

S.B. No. 1403

AN ACT
relating to changing the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool to the Texas Health Insurance Pool, and to
the operation of that pool.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 1506, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 1506. TEXAS HEALTH INSURANCE [RISK] POOL

SECTION 2. Subdivision (7), Section 1506.001, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(7) "Pool" means the Texas Health Insurance [Risk] Pool.

SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 1506, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1506.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 1506.010. REDESIGNATION. Effective September 1, 2009, the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool is redesignated the Texas Health Insurance Pool. A reference in any law to the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool means the Texas Health Insurance Pool.

SECTION 4. Section 1506.152, Insurance Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(b) Subject to Subsection (f), each [each] dependent of an individual who is eligible for
coverage from the pool is also eligible for coverage from the pool.

(c) Subject to Subsection (f), if an individual who obtains coverage from the pool under
Subsection (a) is a child, each parent, grandparent, brother, sister, or child of that individual
who resides with that individual is also eligible for coverage from the pool.

(f) A dependent or individual described by Subsection (c) who is not a federally defined
eligible individual and who has not experienced a significant break in coverage may not
obtain coverage from the pool before the first date on which the dependent or individual has
been:

(1) a legally domiciled resident of this state for at least the 30 days preceding the date of
the application for coverage from the pool; and

(2) a citizen or permanent resident of the United States for at least three continuous
years.

SECTION 5. Section 1506.153, Insurance Code, as amended by Chapters 808 (S.B. 1254),
881 (H.B. 1977), and 1070 (H.B. 2548), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is
reenacted and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1506.153. INELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE. (a) Notwithstanding Section
1506.152 [Section 1506.152(a)–(e)], an individual is not eligible for coverage from the pool if:

(1) on the date pool coverage is to take effect, the individual has health benefit plan
coverage from a health benefit plan issuer or health benefit arrangement in effect, except
as provided by Section 1506.152(a)(3)(E);

(2) at the time the individual applies to the pool, except as provided in Subsection (b), the
individual is eligible for other health care benefits, including an offer of benefits from the

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