

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

H.B. 1217
By: Moreno, Joe (Jackson)
Economic Development
5/13/1999
Engrossed

DIGEST

Currently, the enrollment period for large employer health benefit plans must consist of an entire calendar month. The month begins on the first day of the month and ends on the last day of the month. Statutorily specifying when an enrollment period must begin and end may lead to problems for employers and their employees. H.B. 1217 would delete provisions specifying the days during which an initial enrollment period for health insurance coverage for employees begins and ends.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1217 deletes certain provisions relating to the enrollment period for employer health benefit plans.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 26.83(f), Insurance Code, to delete a provision that requires the enrollment period to consist of certain days in a month.

SECTION 2. Amends Article 26.21(h), Insurance Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.