

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas law does not require the employees of health insurance companies and related entities to disclose their identity when requested by a person insured by the company. As proposed, S.B. 1181 requires the employee of a health benefit plan to disclose their full name, job title and business address upon oral or written request.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 21C, Insurance Code, by adding Article 21.24-3 as follows:

Art. 21.24-3. IDENTITY OF EMPLOYEE FOR HEALTH INSURER OR RELATED ENTITY

Sec. 1. DEFINITION. Provides that in this article, "health benefit plan" means a plan that provides benefits for medical or surgical expenses incurred as a result of a health condition, accident, or sickness, including an individual, group, blanket, or franchise insurance policy or insurance agreement, a group hospital service contract, or an individual or group evidence of coverage or similar coverage document that is offered by certain entities.

Sec. 2. DISCLOSURE REQUIRED. Requires an employee of the issuer of a health benefit plan after an oral or written request for the information, to disclose certain information about any person employed by the issuer.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.