

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Insurance Code does not address commercial group property insurance practices. H.B. 1865 adds an article to the Insurance Code authorizing insurers to write commercial group property insurance for a group of businesses as long as businesses have identifiable underwriting characteristics or an association, if the association's members are engaged in similar undertakings.

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 Subchapter C, Chapter 5, Insurance Code, by adding Article 5.41-3, as follows:

Art. 5.41-3. **COMMERCIAL GROUP PROPERTY INSURANCE.** Authorizes an insurer to write commercial group property insurance for a group of businesses or for an association that constitutes a large risk as that term is described by Section 8(f), Article 5.13-2, of this code if the members of a group of businesses have clearly identifiable underwriting characteristics or the members of an association are engaged in similar undertakings.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.