

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Texas Legislative Council is required by law (Section 323.007, Government Code) to carry out a complete nonsubstantive revision of the Texas statutes. The process involves reclassifying and rearranging the statutes in a more logical order; employing a numbering system and format that will accommodate future expansion of the law; eliminating repealed, invalid, duplicative, and other ineffective provisions; and improving the draftsmanship of the law, if practicable. These efforts are aimed toward promoting the stated purpose of making the statutes "more accessible, understandable, and usable" without altering the sense, meaning, or effect of the law.

H.B. 2017 makes nonsubstantive revisions of statutes relating to the Texas Department of Insurance, the business of insurance, and certain related businesses, including conforming amendments, repeals, and penalties.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to various state officers, institutions, or agencies throughout this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

H.B. 2017 provides for the nonsubstantive revision of codes, as follows:

INSURANCE CODE:

SECTION 1. TITLE 4. REGULATION OF SOLVENCY.
(Pages 1-473 of this bill.)

SECTION 2. TITLE 10. PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE.
(Pages 473-960 of this bill.)

SECTION 3. TITLE 12. OTHER COVERAGE.
(Pages 960-988 of this bill.)

SECTION 4. TITLE 14. UTILIZATION REVIEW AND INDEPENDENT REVIEW.
(Pages 988-1031 of this bill.)

SECTIONS 5-17. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.
(Pages 1031-1050 of this bill.)

SECTION 18. REPEALER. Repeals various articles of the Insurance Code and various laws found in the Insurance Code and in session law. (Pages 1050-1052 of this bill.)

SECTION 19. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. Sets forth legislative intent.

SECTION 20. EFFECTIVE DATE. Effective date: April 1, 2007.