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H. B. No. 1514

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to health insurance identification cards issued by
3 qualified health plan issuers.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Title 8, Insurance Code, is amended by adding
6 Subtitle L to read as follows:

7 SUBTITLE L. QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN MANDATORY DISCLOSURES

8 CHAPTER 1693. QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN IDENTIFICATION CARDS

9 Sec. 1693.001. DEFINITIONS. Except as provided by Section
10 1693.003, in this chapter, "enrollee," "exchange," "qualified
11 health plan," and "qualified health plan issuer" have the meanings
12 assigned by 45 C.F.R. Section 155.20 as that section existed on
13 January 1, 2015.

14 Sec. 1693.002. REQUIRED INFORMATION. An identification
15 card or other similar document issued by a qualified health plan
16 issuer to an enrollee of a qualified health plan purchased through
17 an exchange must, in addition to any requirement under other law,
18 including Sections 843.209, 1301.162, and 1369.153, display on the
19 card or document in a location of the issuer's choice the acronym
20 "QHP."

21 Sec. 1693.003. COMMISSIONER DETERMINATIONS REGARDING
22 FEDERAL REGULATIONS. (a) The commissioner shall monitor 45 C.F.R.
23 Section 155.20 for amendments to the definitions listed in Section
24 1693.001 and determine if it is in the best interest of the state to

1 adopt an amended definition for purposes of this chapter. If the
2 commissioner determines that it is in the best interest of the state
3 to adopt the amended definition, the commissioner by rule shall
4 adopt the amended definition.

5 (b) In making the determination about an amendment, the
6 commissioner shall consider, in addition to other factors
7 affecting the public interest, the beneficial and adverse effects
8 the amendment may have on:

9 (1) individuals who are receiving medical care and
10 health care services in this state; and
11 (2) health care providers and physicians.

12 Sec. 1693.004. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. The commissioner
13 shall prepare a report of a determination made under Section
14 1693.003, including an explanation of the reasons for the
15 determination, and file the report with the presiding officer of
16 each house of the legislature not later than the 30th day after the
17 date the determination is made.

18 Sec. 1693.005. RULES. The commissioner may adopt rules as
19 necessary to administer and enforce this chapter.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.