

1-1 By: Hinojosa, Nelson, Schwertner S.B. No. 94
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2014; January 26, 2015,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;
 1-4 March 31, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 31, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
1-8				
1-9			X	
1-10			X	
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to certain fees charged for the adjudication of pharmacy
 1-20 benefit claims.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 1369, Insurance Code, is amended by
 1-23 adding Subchapter I to read as follows:

1-24 SUBCHAPTER I. PHARMACY BENEFIT CLAIM ADJUDICATION

1-25 Sec. 1369.401. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "pharmacy
 1-26 benefit manager" has the meaning assigned by Section 4151.151.

1-27 Sec. 1369.402. CERTAIN FEES PROHIBITED. A health benefit
 1-28 plan issuer or a pharmacy benefit manager may not directly or
 1-29 indirectly charge or hold a pharmacist or pharmacy responsible for
 1-30 a fee for any step of or component or mechanism related to the claim
 1-31 adjudication process, including:

1-32 (1) the adjudication of a pharmacy benefit claim;

1-33 (2) the processing or transmission of a pharmacy
 1-34 benefit claim;

1-35 (3) the development or management of a claim
 1-36 processing or adjudication network; or

1-37 (4) participation in a claim processing or
 1-38 adjudication network.

1-39 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not
 1-40 affect the terms of a contract, if any, entered into or renewed
 1-41 before the effective date of this Act until a renewal of the
 1-42 contract that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

1-44 * * * * *