

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 978
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2015; March 10, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;
 1-4 April 8, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 8, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to public information regarding workers' compensation
 1-20 insurance rate filings.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 2053.004, Insurance Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 2053.004. PUBLIC ~~[INSPECTION OF]~~ INFORMATION.

1-25 (a) Each filing made, including any supporting information filed,
 1-26 under this subchapter is ~~[open to]~~ public information subject to
 1-27 Chapter 552, Government Code, including any applicable exception
 1-28 from required disclosure under that chapter ~~[inspection as of the~~
 1-29 ~~date the filing is made]~~.

1-30 (b) Each year the department shall make available to the
 1-31 public information concerning the department's general process and
 1-32 methodology for rate review under this chapter, including factors
 1-33 that contribute to the disapproval of a rate. Information provided
 1-34 under this subsection must be general in nature and may not reveal
 1-35 proprietary or trade secret information of any insurer.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 2053.004, Insurance Code, as amended by
 1-37 this Act, applies only to a request to inspect information or to
 1-38 obtain public information made to the Texas Department of Insurance
 1-39 on or after the effective date of this Act. A request made before
 1-40 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed
 1-41 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former
 1-42 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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

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