By: Vo (Senate Sponsor - Campbell) (In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2019; May 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Business 1-1 1-2 1-3 1-4 & Commerce; May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.) 1-5

COMMITTEE VOTE

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-19 relating to the examination by the commissioner of insurance of certain insurers' network quality and adequacy. 1-20 1-21

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

1-22 1-23 SECTION 1. Sections 1301.0056(a) and (d), Insurance Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-24 (a) The commissioner <u>shall</u> [may] examine an insurer to 1-25 determine the quality and adequacy of a network used by a preferred 1-26 provider benefit plan or an exclusive provider benefit plan offered by the insurer under this chapter. An insurer is subject to a qualifying examination of the insurer's <u>preferred provider benefit</u> plans and exclusive provider benefit plans and subsequent quality 1-27 1-28 1-29 of care and network adequacy examinations by the commissioner at least once every three [five] years and whenever the commissioner considers an examination necessary. Documentation provided to the 1-30 1-31 1-32 1-33 commissioner during an examination conducted under this section is 1-34 confidential and is not subject to disclosure as public information 1-35 under Chapter 552, Government Code.

1-36 (d) The department shall deposit an assessment collected under this section to the credit of the account described by Section 1-37 401.156(a) [Texas Department of Insurance operating account]. 1-38 Money deposited under this subsection shall be used to pay the 1-39 1-40 salaries and expenses of examiners and all other expenses relating to the examination of insurers under this section. 1-41 1-42

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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