1-1 By: Smithee (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 2819
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2021;
1-3 May 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
1-4 & Commerce; May 13, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 13, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7 Yea Nay PNV Absent 1-8 Hancock Х Nichols Х 1-9 1-10 1-11 Campbell Х Creighton χ 1-12 Х Johnson 1-13 Х Menéndez Paxton χ 1-14 1**-**15 1**-**16 Schwertner Х Whitmire

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-19 relating to temporary licenses for insurance professionals. 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 4001.153, Insurance Code, is amended to 1-22 read as follows: 1-23 Sec. 4001.153. APPLICATION FOR AND ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY

APPLICATION FOR AND ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY Sec. 4001.153. 1-24 Except as provided by Subsection (b), the [The] LICENSE. (a) department shall issue a temporary license immediately on receipt 1-25 1-26 of a properly completed application executed by the applicant in the form required by Section 4001.102 and accompanied by: 1-27 1-28 nonrefundable filing (1)the fee set bv the

1-29 department; and

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1-30 (2) a certificate signed by an officer or properly 1-31 authorized representative of an agent, insurer, or health 1-32 maintenance organization stating that:

1-33 (A) the applicant is being considered for 1-34 appointment by the agent, insurer, or health maintenance 1-35 organization as its full-time agent;

1-36 (B) the agent, insurer, or health maintenance 1-37 organization desires that the applicant be issued a temporary 1-38 license; and

1-39 (C) the applicant will complete training as 1-40 prescribed by Section 4001.160 under the agent's, insurer's, or 1-41 health maintenance organization's supervision.

1-42 (b) The department may deny a license application under this 1-43 subchapter if the department determines that any of the grounds 1-44 exist for license denial or disciplinary action under Section 1-45 4005.101, Insurance Code, or Chapter 53, Occupations Code.

1-46 SECTION 2. Section 4001.155, Insurance Code, is amended to 1-47 read as follows:

1-48 Sec. 4001.155. TERM OF TEMPORARY LICENSE. A temporary 1-49 license is valid for <u>180</u> [90] days after the date of issuance. 1-50 SECTION 3. Section 4001.156(a), Insurance Code, is

1-51 repealed. 1-52 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to

1-52 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to 1-53 an application for a temporary insurance agent's license submitted 1-54 on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a 1-55 temporary insurance agent's license submitted before the effective 1-56 date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately 1-57 before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that 1-58 purpose.

1-59 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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