

1-1 By: Cole, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Blanco) H.B. No. 687
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2023;
 1-3 May 1, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 21, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 21, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16	X			

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

1-19 relating to the enrollment period for newborns under certain
 1-20 employer health benefit plans.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 846.258(b), Insurance Code, is amended
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (b) Coverage of a newborn child of a participating employee
 1-25 under this section ends on the 61st [~~32nd~~] day after the date of the
 1-26 child's birth unless:

1-27 (1) children are eligible for coverage under the
 1-28 multiple employer welfare arrangement's plan document; and

1-29 (2) not later than the 60th [~~31st~~] day after the date
 1-30 of birth, the arrangement receives:

1-31 (A) notice of the birth; and

1-32 (B) any required additional premium.

1-33 SECTION 2. Section 1501.157(b), Insurance Code, is amended
 1-34 to read as follows:

1-35 (b) Coverage of a newborn child of a covered employee under
 1-36 this section ends on the 61st [~~32nd~~] day after the date of the
 1-37 child's birth unless, not later than the 60th [~~31st~~] day after the
 1-38 date of birth, the small employer health benefit plan issuer
 1-39 receives:

1-40 (1) notice of the birth; and

1-41 (2) any required additional premium.

1-42 SECTION 3. Section 1501.607(b), Insurance Code, is amended
 1-43 to read as follows:

1-44 (b) Coverage of a newborn child of a covered employee under
 1-45 this section ends on the 61st [~~32nd~~] day after the date of the
 1-46 child's birth unless:

1-47 (1) children are eligible for coverage under the large
 1-48 employer health benefit plan; and

1-49 (2) not later than the 60th [~~31st~~] day after the date
 1-50 of birth, the large employer health benefit plan issuer receives:

1-51 (A) notice of the birth; and

1-52 (B) any required additional premium.

1-53 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-54 to a health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, or
 1-55 renewed on or after January 1, 2024. A health benefit plan that is
 1-56 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2024,
 1-57 is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the
 1-58 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
 1-59 that purpose.

1-60 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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