

**Senate Finance Committee
Riders - Article VIII**

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Texas Department of Insurance, Article VIII
Proposed Rider Amendment
Three-Share Premium Assistance Program

Overview

Amend rider no. 13 in the Texas Department of Insurance bill pattern to require the agency to spend unexpended and unobligated balances appropriated to the agency for the Three Share Premium Assistance Program if such spending is necessary to maintain the agency's approved enrollment levels for that biennium for each three share program.

Required Action

On page VIII-23 and VIII-24 of Texas Department of Insurance's bill pattern, amend rider #13, subsection b. as follows:

b. In addition to amounts appropriated above, out of funds collected from regulated entities except for workers compensation for fines, penalties, and sanctions and deposited to General Revenue, the Texas Department of Insurance is appropriated, out of amounts collected in excess of those contained in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate (estimated to be \$0), an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 in each year of the biennium for the Three Share Premium Assistance Program. Any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, ~~2017~~2015, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, ~~2017~~2015. In addition, any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, ~~2018~~2016, are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, ~~2018~~2016. The agency shall spend any unexpended and unobligated balances that are appropriated to it for the same purposes, to the extent necessary to maintain the agency's approved enrollment levels for that biennium for each three share program.