

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain tests for  
3 the early detection of cardiovascular disease.

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

5 SECTION 1. UNCHANGED.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 1376, Insurance Code, is amended by  
7 adding a new Section 1376.004 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 1376.004. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter, "laboratory"  
9 means a health care provider certified by one of the following:

- 10 (1) the American College of Radiology;
- 11 (2) the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission;
- 12 (3) American College of Cardiology;
- 13 (4) American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine;
- 14 (5) a certifying organization recognized by the Centers  
15 for Medical and Medicaid Services;
- 16 (6) a national organization recognized by the commissioner  
17 by rule for the purpose of this section; or
- 18 (7) an FDA registered provider of FDA-cleared equipment  
19 used for standardized (1) computed tomography (CT) scanning  
20 measuring coronary artery calcification; or (2) ultrasonography  
21 measuring carotid intima-media thickness and plaque as long as  
22 it is recognized by any of the above.

1           SECTION 3.     This Act takes effect immediately if it  
2 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
3 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
4 Constitution.  If this Act does not receive the vote necessary  
5 for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.