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S.B. No. 782

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the investigation by the commissioner of insurance of
acts of insurance fraud.

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

SECTION 1. Section 701.102, Insurance Code, is amended to
read as follows:

Sec. 701.102. INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN ACTS OF FRAUD. If
the commissioner has reason to believe a person has engaged in, is
engaging in, has committed, or is about to commit a fraudulent
insurance act ~~[or the offense of insurance fraud under Section~~
~~35.02(a), Penal Code]~~, the commissioner may conduct any
investigation necessary inside or outside this state to:

(1) determine whether the act ~~[or offense]~~ occurred;
or

(2) aid in enforcing laws relating to fraudulent
insurance acts, including by providing technical or litigation
assistance to other governmental agencies ~~[or insurance fraud]~~.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.