<u>CHAPTER 70</u> H.B. No. 2870

1	AN ACT
2	relating to regulation of rates and forms used to write guaranty
3	bonds.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Section 2(a), Article 5.13-2, Insurance Code, is
6	amended to read as follows:
7	(a) This article applies to all lines of the following
8	insurance written under policies or contracts of insurance issued
9	by an insurer authorized to engage in the business of insurance in
10	this state:
11	(1) general liability insurance;
12	(2) residential and commercial property insurance,
13	including farm and ranch insurance and farm and ranch owners
14	insurance;
15	(3) personal and commercial casualty insurance,
16	except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section;
17	(4) medical professional liability insurance;
18	(5) fidelity, guaranty, and surety bonds other than
19	criminal court appearance bonds;
20	(6) personal umbrella insurance;
21	<pre>(7) personal liability insurance;</pre>
22	(8) guaranteed auto protection (GAP) insurance;
23	(9) involuntary unemployment insurance;
24	(10) financial guaranty insurance;

- 1 (11) inland marine insurance;
- 2 (12) rain insurance;

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- 3 (13) hail insurance on farm crops; and
- 4 (14) personal and commercial automobile insurance.

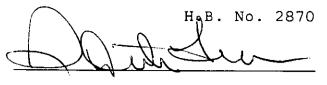
SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a guaranty bond delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2006. A guaranty bond issued before that date is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date

of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.



President of the Senate



Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2870 was passed by the House on April 14, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2870 was passed by the Senate on May 5, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

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Date

Governor

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