(d) Members of the group serve two-year terms. The commissioner shall appoint a replacement member in the event of a vacancy to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

(e) The commissioner shall designate one member to serve as presiding member of the group. A member may serve more than one term as presiding member.

(f) The advisory group shall meet annually and otherwise at the request of the presiding member or the commissioner. The group shall make recommendations at least annually to the commissioner.

(g) A member of the group may not receive compensation for service as a group member.

Sec. 4202.012. REFERRAL. The commissioner by rule shall require referral by random assignment of adverse determinations under Subchapter I, Chapter 4201, to independent review organizations. On referral of a determination, the commissioner shall notify:

(1) the utilization review agent;
(2) the payor;
(3) the independent review organization;
(4) the patient, as defined by Section 4201.002, or the patient's representative; and
(5) the provider of record as defined by Section 4201.002.

Sec. 4202.013. PRIMARY OFFICE IN THIS STATE REQUIRED. An independent review organization operating under this chapter must maintain the organization's primary office in this state.

Sec. 4202.014. PREEMPTION. The commissioner shall suspend enforcement of any provision of this chapter that the commissioner determines to be preempted by 42 U.S.C. Section 300gg-19.

SECTION 6. Chapter 4202, Insurance Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to an independent review organization that applies for an initial certification or renewal certification on or after January 1, 2014. An organization certified before that date is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 145, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2645 on May 24, 2013: Yeas 139, Nays 6, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 1025

H.B. No. 2649

AN ACT

relating to the punishment for violating certain rules or permit terms under a permit to trap, transport, and transplant certain animals.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 43.062, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43.062. PENALTY. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a [A] person who violates any provision of this subchapter or the terms of a permit issued under this subchapter commits an offense that is a Class B Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor.
(b) A person commits an offense that is a Class C Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor if the person violates:

(1) a rule relating to a reporting requirement for a permit issued under this subchapter; or

(2) a term of a permit issued under this subchapter that relates to a reporting requirement.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 1026

H.B. No. 2662

AN ACT relating to a personal financial literacy credit for high school programs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 28.002(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each school district that offers kindergarten through grade 12 shall offer, as a required curriculum:

(1) a foundation curriculum that includes:

(A) English language arts;
(B) mathematics;
(C) science; and
(D) social studies, consisting of Texas, United States, and world history, government, economics, with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits, and geography; and

(2) an enrichment curriculum that includes:

(A) to the extent possible, languages other than English;
(B) health, with emphasis on the importance of proper nutrition and exercise;
(C) physical education;
(D) fine arts;
(E) career and technology education;
(F) technology applications; and
(G) religious literature, including the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament, and its impact on history and literature; and

(H) personal financial literacy.