(f) A notice or correspondence described by this section may be sent on behalf of an insurer or master or group policyholder by a licensed agent or agency appointed by the insurer.

SECTION 2. Section 4055.253, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 4055.253. AUTHORITY OF VENDOR OF PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES. (a) A vendor licensed under this subchapter and the vendor's employee and authorized representative may act as an agent for an authorized insurer in connection with the sale and use of portable electronic devices and related services only with respect to:
(1) insurance coverage provided to customers that covers portable electronic devices against one or more of the following:
   (A) loss;
   (B) theft;
   (C) mechanical failure;
   (D) malfunction;
   (E) damage; or
   (F) other applicable perils; or
(2) the provision of any other coverage the commissioner approves as meaningful and appropriate in connection with the use of portable electronic devices or related services.
(b) A vendor licensed under this subchapter may bill a customer for, and collect from a customer payment for, insurance coverage provided to the customer under this subchapter.
(c) An insurer issuing a policy to a licensed vendor is considered to have received a premium from a vendor's customer enrolled in coverage on the customer's payment of the premium to the vendor.

SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 4055, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 4055.256 to read as follows:
Sec. 4055.256. REQUIRED DISCLOSURES. (a) A licensed vendor must separately itemize on a customer's bill any charge to the customer for insurance coverage provided under this subchapter that is not included in the cost associated with the purchase or lease of the covered portable electronic device or related services.
(b) If insurance coverage provided under this subchapter is included in the cost associated with the purchase or lease of a covered portable electronic device or related services, a licensed vendor shall, at the time of the purchase or lease, clearly and conspicuously disclose the inclusion of that coverage to the customer.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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CHAPTER 1175
S.B. No. 841
AN ACT relating to certain authorized investments under the Insurance Code.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:
SECTION 1. Subsection (d), Section 424.064, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:
(d) Except as provided by Section 862.002, an insurer may not own, develop, or hold an equity interest in any residential property or subdivision, single or multunit family dwelling
property, or undeveloped real property to subdivide for or develop residential, single or multiunit family dwellings. This subsection does not apply to an insurer with admitted assets of $10 billion or more.

SECTION 2. Subsections (a) and (b), Section 424.068, Insurance Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) In addition to the investments in Canada authorized by Sections 424.051, 424.058–424.071, and 424.074 and subject to this section, an insurer may invest the insurer's funds in excess of minimum capital and surplus in a foreign commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States or a foreign country other than Canada, or invest in debt obligations and investments within a foreign commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States or within a foreign country other than Canada if:

(1) the investment is similar to investments the insurer is authorized by Sections 424.051, 424.058–424.071, and 424.074 to make within the United States or Canada; and

(2) the debt obligation or investment is rated one or two by the securities valuation office.

(b) The aggregate amount of an insurer's investments in a single foreign jurisdiction under Sections 424.051, 424.058–424.071, and 424.074 or of an insurer's debt obligations or investments within a single foreign jurisdiction may not exceed:

(1) as to a foreign jurisdiction that is given a sovereign debt rating of one by the securities valuation office, 10 percent of the insurer's admitted assets; or

(2) as to a debt obligation or investment within a foreign jurisdiction that is rated one or two by the securities valuation office, 10 percent of the insurer's admitted assets; or

(3) as to any foreign investment other than an investment described by Subdivision (1) or (2), five percent of the insurer's admitted assets.

SECTION 3. Subsection (f), Section 425.119, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Except as provided by Subsection (g), an insurance company may not own, develop, or hold an equity interest in any residential property or subdivision, single or multiunit family dwelling property, or undeveloped real property to subdivide for or develop residential or single or multiunit family dwellings. This subsection does not apply to an insurer with admitted assets of $10 billion or more, as determined from the insurer's annual statements that are made as of the December 31 that precedes the date of the determination and are filed with the department as required by law.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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