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Sen. Kelly Hancock: Texas Legislature Preparing for Obamacare Repeal

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SB 2087, HB 3226 address preexisting medical condition coverage, federal waiver options

AUSTIN - The Texas Senate last week unanimously passed Senate Bill 2087 by Senator Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills). This model legislation provides flexibility for the state to create a high-risk pool or a reinsurance program, depending on final federal action and guidance.

"Obamacare has been a disaster from day one," said Sen. Hancock. "As repeal and replace efforts move ahead, we can't let people with preexisting conditions fall through the cracks. SB 2087 puts a plan in place so Texas is prepared for whatever final product comes out of Washington. Today's Congressional vote is a good indicator that Texas needs to address this issue *now*."

For the full text of SB 2087 or its companion legislation, HB 3226, visit: Texas Legislature Online.

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Sen. Hancock represents <u>District 9</u>, which includes portions of Dallas and Tarrant Counties. He currently serves as Chairman of the Texas Senate Committee on Business & Commerce.