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AN ACT

relating to the requirement that certain information be provided to health care practitioners regarding the use and abuse of certain drugs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 153, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Sections 153.014 and 153.015 to read as follows:

Sec. 153.014. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. At least once each biennium, the board shall provide to each license holder information on:

(1) prescribing and dispensing pain medications, with particular emphasis on Schedule II and Schedule III controlled substances;

(2) abusive and addictive behavior of certain persons who use prescription pain medications;

(3) common diversion strategies employed by certain persons who use prescription pain medications, including fraudulent prescription patterns; and

(4) the appropriate use of pain medications and the differences between addiction, pseudo-addiction, tolerance, and physical dependence.

Sec. 153.015. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. The board shall provide to each license holder information regarding the services provided by poison control centers.

1 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 202, Occupations Code, is  
2 amended by adding Sections 202.160 and 202.161 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 202.160. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. At  
4 least once each biennium, the board shall provide to each license  
5 holder information on:

6 (1) prescribing and dispensing pain medications, with  
7 particular emphasis on Schedule II and Schedule III controlled  
8 substances;

9 (2) abusive and addictive behavior of certain persons  
10 who use prescription pain medications;

11 (3) common diversion strategies employed by certain  
12 persons who use prescription pain medications, including  
13 fraudulent prescription patterns; and

14 (4) the appropriate use of pain medications and the  
15 differences between addiction, pseudo-addiction, tolerance, and  
16 physical dependence.

17 Sec. 202.161. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. The board  
18 shall provide to each license holder information regarding the  
19 services provided by poison control centers.

20 SECTION 3. Chapter 254, Occupations Code, is amended by  
21 adding Sections 254.013 and 254.014 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 254.013. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. At  
23 least once each biennium, the board shall provide to each license  
24 holder information on:

25 (1) prescribing and dispensing pain medications, with  
26 particular emphasis on Schedule II and Schedule III controlled  
27 substances;

1           (2) abusive and addictive behavior of certain persons  
2 who use prescription pain medications;

3           (3) common diversion strategies employed by certain  
4 persons who use prescription pain medications, including  
5 fraudulent prescription patterns; and

6           (4) the appropriate use of pain medications and the  
7 differences between addiction, pseudo-addiction, tolerance, and  
8 physical dependence.

9           Sec. 254.014. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. The board  
10 shall provide to each license holder information regarding the  
11 services provided by poison control centers.

12           SECTION 4. Subchapter D, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is  
13 amended by adding Sections 301.1581 and 301.1582 to read as  
14 follows:

15           Sec. 301.1581. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. At  
16 least once each biennium, the board shall provide to each license  
17 holder information on:

18           (1) prescribing and dispensing pain medications, with  
19 particular emphasis on Schedule II and Schedule III controlled  
20 substances;

21           (2) abusive and addictive behavior of certain persons  
22 who use prescription pain medications;

23           (3) common diversion strategies employed by certain  
24 persons who use prescription pain medications, including  
25 fraudulent prescription patterns; and

26           (4) the appropriate use of pain medications and the  
27 differences between addiction, pseudo-addiction, tolerance, and

1 physical dependence.

2 Sec. 301.1582. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. The  
3 board shall provide to each license holder information regarding  
4 the services provided by poison control centers.

5 SECTION 5. Subchapter D, Chapter 302, Occupations Code, is  
6 amended by adding Sections 302.1551 and 302.1552 to read as  
7 follows:

8 Sec. 302.1551. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. At  
9 least once each biennium, the board shall provide to each license  
10 holder information on:

11 (1) prescribing and dispensing pain medications, with  
12 particular emphasis on Schedule II and Schedule III controlled  
13 substances;

14 (2) abusive and addictive behavior of certain persons  
15 who use prescription pain medications;

16 (3) common diversion strategies employed by certain  
17 persons who use prescription pain medications, including  
18 fraudulent prescription patterns; and

19 (4) the appropriate use of pain medications and the  
20 differences between addiction, pseudo-addiction, tolerance, and  
21 physical dependence.

22 Sec. 302.1552. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. The  
23 board shall provide to each license holder information regarding  
24 the services provided by poison control centers.

25 SECTION 6. Subchapter A, Chapter 554, Occupations Code, is  
26 amended by adding Sections 554.014 and 554.015 to read as follows:

27 Sec. 554.014. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. At

1 least once each biennium, the board shall provide to each license  
2 holder information on:

3 (1) prescribing and dispensing pain medications, with  
4 particular emphasis on Schedule II and Schedule III controlled  
5 substances;

6 (2) abusive and addictive behavior of certain persons  
7 who use prescription pain medications;

8 (3) common diversion strategies employed by certain  
9 persons who use prescription pain medications, including  
10 fraudulent prescription patterns; and

11 (4) the appropriate use of pain medications and the  
12 differences between addiction, pseudo-addiction, tolerance, and  
13 physical dependence.

14 Sec. 554.015. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. The board  
15 shall provide to each license holder information regarding the  
16 services provided by poison control centers.

17 SECTION 7. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

18 (b) A state agency that is subject to this Act shall develop  
19 written and other materials that contain the information required  
20 by this Act not later than January 1, 2004. The state agencies that  
21 are subject to this Act shall:

22 (1) cooperate in developing the materials; and

23 (2) ensure, to the extent possible, that the same  
24 information is contained in the materials used by each agency.