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H.B. No. 1243

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to venue for the prosecution of certain offenses involving
3 health professions.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 165.159, Occupations Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
8 section is in Travis County or in the county in which the offense
9 occurred.

10 SECTION 2. Section 201.605, Occupations Code, is amended by
11 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

12 (e) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
13 section is in Travis County or in the county in which the offense
14 occurred.

15 SECTION 3. Section 202.605, Occupations Code, is amended by
16 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

17 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
18 section is in Travis County or in the county in which the offense
19 occurred.

20 SECTION 4. Section 203.504, Occupations Code, is amended by
21 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

22 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
23 section is in Travis County or in the county in which the offense
24 occurred.

1 SECTION 5. Section 204.352, Occupations Code, is amended by
2 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

3 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
4 section is in Travis County or in the county in which the offense
5 occurred.

6 SECTION 6. Section 205.401, Occupations Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

8 (d) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
9 section is in Travis County or in the county in which the offense
10 occurred.

11 SECTION 7. Section 262.203, Occupations Code, is amended by
12 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

13 (d) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
14 section that consists of the violation of Section 256.052 is in
15 Travis County or in the county in which the offense occurred.

16 SECTION 8. Section 264.151, Occupations Code, is amended by
17 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

18 (f) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
19 section that consists of the violation of Section 256.001 is in
20 Travis County or in the county in which the offense occurred.

21 SECTION 9. Section 301.554, Occupations Code, is amended by
22 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

23 (e) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
24 section that consists of the violation of Section 301.251 is in
25 Travis County or in the county in which the offense occurred.

26 SECTION 10. Section 351.606, Occupations Code, is amended
27 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1 (d) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
2 section that consists of the violation of Section 351.251 is in
3 Travis County or in the county in which the offense occurred.

4 SECTION 11. Section 352.353, Occupations Code, is amended
5 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

6 (c) Venue for prosecution of an offense under this section
7 that consists of the violation of Section 352.101 is in Travis
8 County or in the county in which the offense occurred.

9 SECTION 12. Section 353.207, Occupations Code, is amended
10 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

11 (c) Venue for prosecution of an offense under this section
12 that consists of an optician dispensing contact lenses without a
13 permit under this chapter is in Travis County or in the county in
14 which the offense occurred.

15 SECTION 13. Section 401.503, Occupations Code, is amended
16 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

17 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
18 section that consists of the violation of Section 401.301 is in
19 Travis County or in the county in which the offense occurred.

20 SECTION 14. Section 451.301, Occupations Code, is amended
21 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

22 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
23 section that consists of the violation of Section 451.151 is in
24 Travis County or in the county in which the offense occurred.

25 SECTION 15. Section 453.455, Occupations Code, is amended
26 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

27 (d) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this

1 section that consists of the violation of Section 453.201 is in
2 Travis County or in the county in which the offense occurred.

3 SECTION 16. Section 454.355, Occupations Code, is amended
4 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

5 (d) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
6 section that consists of the violation of Section 454.201 is in
7 Travis County or in the county in which the offense occurred.

8 SECTION 17. Section 455.352, Occupations Code, is amended
9 by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

10 (f) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
11 section that consists of the violation of Section 455.151 is in
12 Travis County or in the county in which the offense occurred.

13 SECTION 18. Section 501.503, Occupations Code, is amended
14 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

15 (d) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
16 section that consists of the violation of Section 501.251 is in
17 Travis County or in the county in which the offense occurred.

18 SECTION 19. Section 502.454, Occupations Code, is amended
19 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

20 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
21 section is in Travis County or in the county in which the offense
22 occurred.

23 SECTION 20. Section 503.452, Occupations Code, is amended
24 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

25 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
26 section is in Travis County or in the county in which the offense
27 occurred.

1 SECTION 21. Section 505.507, Occupations Code, is amended
2 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

3 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
4 section is in Travis County or in the county in which the offense
5 occurred.

6 SECTION 22. Section 566.151, Occupations Code, is amended
7 by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

8 (f) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
9 section that consists of the violation of Section 558.001, 560.001,
10 or 560.002 is in Travis County or in the county in which the offense
11 occurred.

12 SECTION 23. Section 601.402, Occupations Code, is amended
13 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

14 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under
15 Subdivision (1), (2), (3), or (6) of Subsection (a) is in Travis
16 County or in the county in which the offense occurred.

17 SECTION 24. Section 602.302, Occupations Code, is amended
18 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

19 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under
20 Subdivision (1), (2), or (4) of Subsection (a) is in Travis County
21 or in the county in which the offense occurred.

22 SECTION 25. Section 603.452, Occupations Code, is amended
23 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

24 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
25 section that consists of the violation of Section 603.251 is in
26 Travis County or in the county in which the offense occurred.

27 SECTION 26. Section 604.351, Occupations Code, is amended

1 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

2 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
3 section is in Travis County or in the county in which the offense
4 occurred.

5 SECTION 27. Section 605.356, Occupations Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
8 section is in Travis County or in the county in which the offense
9 occurred.

10 SECTION 28. Section 651.602, Occupations Code, is amended
11 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

12 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under Subsection
13 (a)(1) is in Travis County or in the county in which the offense
14 occurred.

15 SECTION 29. Section 701.451, Occupations Code, is amended
16 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

17 (d) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under Subsection
18 (a) is in Travis County or in the county in which the offense
19 occurred.

20 SECTION 30. Section 702.556, Occupations Code, is amended
21 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

22 (c) Venue for the prosecution of an offense under this
23 section that consists of the violation of Section 702.101 is in
24 Travis County or in the county in which the offense occurred.

25 SECTION 31. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
26 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this
27 Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before

1 the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs
2 before that date.

3 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this
4 Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed,
5 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

6 SECTION 32. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.