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H.B. No. 1443

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to restrictions on the substitution of generically  
3 equivalent versions of transplant immunosuppresants.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 562, Occupations Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 562.0142 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 562.0142. SELECTION OF TRANSPLANT IMMUNOSUPPRESANTS.

8 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a pharmacist may not  
9 dispense a drug for immunosuppressive therapy following transplant  
10 unless the drug is the specific formulation and manufactured by the  
11 specific manufacturer that is prescribed by the patient's  
12 physician.

13 (b) A pharmacist may substitute a drug product that is  
14 generically equivalent for immunosuppressive therapy following  
15 transplant only if, before making the substitution, the pharmacist  
16 obtains a signed authorization from the prescribing physician.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.