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S.B. No. 1429

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of physicians to delegate to certain
3 pharmacists the implementation and modification of a patient's drug
4 therapy.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 157.101, Occupations Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

8 (b-1) A delegation under Subsection (b) may include the
9 implementation or modification of a patient's drug therapy under a
10 protocol, including the authority to sign a prescription drug order
11 for dangerous drugs, if:

12 (1) the delegation follows a diagnosis, initial
13 patient assessment, and drug therapy order by the physician;

14 (2) the pharmacist practices in a hospital, clinic,
15 physician's office, or an academic health care institution;

16 (3) the pharmacist provides the name, address, and
17 telephone number of the pharmacist and of the supervising physician
18 on each prescription signed by the pharmacist; and

19 (4) the pharmacist provides a copy of the protocol to
20 the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

21 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 554, Occupations Code, is
22 amended by adding Section 554.017 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 554.017. LIST OF PHARMACISTS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN
24 PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDERS. The board shall provide on its Internet

1 website a list of pharmacists who are authorized to sign a
2 prescription drug order under Section 157.101(b-1), including the
3 name of the pharmacist's supervising physician under the protocol
4 required under that subsection.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.