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S.B. No. 1565

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration of immunizations and vaccinations by therapeutic optometrists.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 351, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 351.3582 to read as follows:

Sec. 351.3582. ADMINISTRATION OF IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINATIONS. (a) A therapeutic optometrist that satisfies the education requirements established by the board under this section may administer an immunization or vaccination to a person over the age of 14.

(b) A therapeutic optometrist may not delegate the authority to administer an immunization or vaccination.

(c) The board shall establish:

(1) minimum education and continuing education standards for a therapeutic optometrist who administers an immunization or vaccination. The standards must include Centers for Disease Control and Prevention training, basic life support training, and hands-on training in techniques for administering immunizations and vaccinations; and

(2) reporting requirements designed to notify a patient's primary care physician of any immunization or vaccination administered by a therapeutic optometrist.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.