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S.B. No. 2422

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the dispensing of drugs by physicians.

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

SECTION 1. Section 158.001(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A physician may dispense dangerous drugs and controlled substances to the physician's patients and charge the patients for the drugs [~~This section does not permit a physician to operate a retail pharmacy~~] without complying with Chapter 558.

SECTION 2. Section 551.004(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) This subtitle does not prevent a practitioner from:

(1) administering a drug to a patient of the practitioner; or

(2) supplying drugs to a patient as provided by Section 158.001(b).

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.