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S.B. No. 227

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the dispensing of aesthetic pharmaceuticals by physicians and therapeutic optometrists; imposing fees.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 3, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Chapter 116 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 116. DISPENSING OF AESTHETIC PHARMACEUTICALS

Sec. 116.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Aesthetic pharmaceutical" means:

(A) a drug listed in the aesthetic pharmaceutical group under Section 116.005; or

(B) a drug that:

(i) is not a controlled substance;

(ii) requires a prescription for dispensation;

(iii) has been listed with the federal Food and Drug Administration; and

(iv) is prescribed for the enhancement of an individual's appearance.

(2) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine under Subtitle B.

(3) "Therapeutic optometrist" means a person licensed to practice therapeutic optometry under Chapter 351.

Sec. 116.002. DISPENSING PERMITTED; FEE AUTHORIZED. (a) A

physician or therapeutic optometrist may dispense to the physician's or therapeutic optometrist's patients an aesthetic pharmaceutical in excess of the patient's immediate needs without obtaining a license under Chapter 558. The physician or therapeutic optometrist may charge a fee for dispensing the pharmaceutical.

(b) A therapeutic optometrist may not dispense an aesthetic pharmaceutical if that prescription does not fall within the scope of the practice of therapeutic optometry, as defined by Section 351.002.

Sec. 116.003. NOTICE; LABELING; RECORDKEEPING.

(a) Before dispensing an aesthetic pharmaceutical to a patient, a physician or therapeutic optometrist must inform the patient that the prescription for the pharmaceutical may be filled at a pharmacy, if available at a pharmacy, or dispensed in the physician's or therapeutic optometrist's office.

(b) Each state and federal labeling and recordkeeping requirement applicable to an aesthetic pharmaceutical must be followed and documented. A record maintained under this section must be accessible as provided under state and federal law.

Sec. 116.004. RULES; FEES. The Texas Medical Board and the Texas State Board of Pharmacy shall jointly adopt rules for physicians, and the Texas Optometry Board and the Texas State Board of Pharmacy shall jointly adopt rules for therapeutic optometrists, to govern the packaging, labeling, and dispensing of aesthetic pharmaceuticals under this chapter. The Texas Medical Board and the Texas Optometry Board shall adopt reasonable fees as necessary

1 to implement this chapter. A fee adopted under this section may not  
2 exceed a fee adopted under Section 554.006 for authorizing a  
3 pharmacist to dispense pharmaceuticals.

4 Sec. 116.005. AESTHETIC PHARMACEUTICAL GROUP. The  
5 aesthetic pharmaceutical group consists of:

- 6 (1) bimatoprost;  
7 (2) hydroquinone;  
8 (3) tretinoin;  
9 (4) metronidazole; and  
10 (5) tazarotene.

11 SECTION 2. Subsection (f), Section 157.002, Occupations  
12 Code, is amended to read as follows:

13 (f) Subsections (b) and (c) do not authorize a physician or  
14 a person acting under the supervision of a physician to keep a  
15 pharmacy, advertised or otherwise, for the retail sale of dangerous  
16 drugs, other than as authorized under Chapter 116 and Section  
17 158.003, without complying with the applicable laws relating to the  
18 dangerous drugs.

19 SECTION 3. Subsection (d), Section 563.051, Occupations  
20 Code, is amended to read as follows:

21 (d) This section does not authorize a physician or a person  
22 acting under the supervision of a physician to keep a pharmacy,  
23 advertised or otherwise, for the retail sale of dangerous drugs,  
24 other than as authorized under Chapter 116 and Section 158.003,  
25 without complying with the applicable laws relating to the  
26 dangerous drugs.

27 SECTION 4. The Texas Medical Board and Texas Optometry

1 Board shall adopt rules for the implementation of Chapter 116,  
2 Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than March 1,  
3 2014.

4       SECTION 5. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of  
5 this section, this Act takes effect immediately if it receives a  
6 vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

10       (b) Sections 116.002 and 116.003, Occupations Code, as  
11 added by this Act, take effect March 1, 2014.