

Amend **CSSB 195** (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) Strike the recital to SECTION 2 of the bill (page 1, lines 38-40) and substitute the following:

SECTION 2. Section 481.002, Health and Safety Code, as amended by S.B. No. 219, Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended by amending Subdivisions (4) and (45) and adding Subdivision (56) to read as follows:

(2) In SECTION 2 of the bill, redesignate proposed Section 481.002(55), Health and Safety Code (page 1, line 55), as Section 481.002(56), Health and Safety Code.

(3) Strike the recital to SECTION 7 of the bill (page 2, lines 26-27) and substitute the following:

SECTION 7. Section 481.068, Health and Safety Code, as amended by S.B. No. 219, Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(4) In SECTION 7 of the bill, strike amended Section 481.068(b), Health and Safety Code (page 2, lines 36-45), and substitute the following:

(b) Except as provided by Sections 481.074 and 481.075, a practitioner engaged in authorized medical practice or research may not be required to furnish the name or identity of a patient or research subject to the board [~~department~~], the Department of State Health Services, or any other agency, public official, or law enforcement officer. A practitioner may not be compelled in a state or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceeding to furnish the name or identity of an individual that the practitioner is obligated to keep confidential.

(5) Strike SECTION 8 of the bill (page 2, lines 50-67) and substitute the following:

SECTION 8. Section 481.073(a), Health and Safety Code, as amended by S.B. No. 219, Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Only a practitioner defined by Section 481.002(39)(A) and an agent designated in writing by the practitioner in accordance with rules adopted by the board [~~department~~] may communicate a prescription by telephone. A pharmacy that receives a telephonically communicated prescription shall promptly write the

prescription and file and retain the prescription in the manner required by this subchapter. A practitioner who designates an agent to communicate prescriptions shall maintain the written designation of the agent in the practitioner's usual place of business and shall make the designation available for inspection by investigators for the Texas Medical Board, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, the board, and the department. A practitioner who designates a different agent shall designate that agent in writing and maintain the designation in the same manner in which the practitioner initially designated an agent under this section.