

Amend SB 315 on third reading by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Chapter 170 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 170. PRESCRIPTION OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS

Sec. 170.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter, "opioid antagonist" and "opioid-related drug overdose" have the meanings assigned by Section 483.101, Health and Safety Code.

Sec. 170.002. GUIDELINES. (a) The board shall adopt guidelines for the prescription of opioid antagonists.

(b) The guidelines must address:

(1) prescribing an opioid antagonist to a patient to whom an opioid medication is also prescribed; and

(2) identifying patients at risk of an opioid-related drug overdose and prescribing an opioid antagonist to that patient or to a person in a position to administer the opioid antagonist to that patient.

(c) In adopting guidelines under this section, the board:

(1) shall consult materials published by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and

(2) may consult other appropriate materials, including medical journals subject to peer review and publications by medical professional associations.

Sec. 170.003. LIABILITY FOR ACT OR OMISSION WITH RESPECT TO PRESCRIBING AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST. A physician who acts in good faith and with reasonable care, regardless of whether the physician follows the guidelines adopted under this chapter, is not subject to criminal or civil liability or any professional disciplinary action for:

(1) prescribing or failing to prescribe an opioid antagonist; or

(2) any outcome resulting from the eventual administration of an opioid antagonist prescribed by the physician.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. The change in law made by this Act relating to Chapter 170, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, and to conduct

that is grounds for imposition of a disciplinary sanction applies only to conduct that occurs on or after September 1, 2017. Conduct that occurs before September 1, 2017, is governed by the law in effect on the date the conduct occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. The change in law made by this Act relating to Chapter 170, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, and to conduct that is the basis for civil liability applies only to conduct that occurs on or after September 1, 2017. Conduct that occurs before September 1, 2017, is governed by the law in effect on the date the conduct occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. The change in law made by this Act relating to Chapter 170, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, and to conduct that constitutes a criminal offense applies only to an offense committed on or after September 1, 2017. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before September 1, 2017, if any element of the offense occurs before that date. An offense committed before September 1, 2017, is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.