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H.B. No. 3428

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prescription medications for the care and treatment of inmates and prisoners in county jails.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 511, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 511.009(a)(21) to read as follows:

(21) The commission shall adopt reasonable rules and procedures establishing minimum standards regarding the continuity of prescription medications for the care and treatment of inmates and prisoners in county jails. The rules and procedures shall require that inmates and prisoners who are determined to be lawfully taking a prescription medication when they enter the county jail be maintained on that same prescription medication until a qualified health care professional directs otherwise upon individualized consideration.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.