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H.B. No. 3480

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the dispensing of certain drugs by therapeutic optometrists.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 351, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 351.368 to read as follows:

Section 351.368. SALE AND DISPENSING OF MEDICATIONS. (a) In this section, "dangerous drug" has the meaning assigned by Section 483.001, Health and Safety Code.

(b) A therapeutic optometrist licensed under this subtitle may supply a patient with any drug, remedy, or clinical supply that is within the scope of practice of a therapeutic optometrist necessary to meet the patient's immediate needs.

(c) To the extent permitted by the scope of practice of a therapeutic optometrist, a therapeutic optometrist may dispense dangerous drugs to the therapeutic optometrist's patients and charge the patients for the drugs without complying with Chapter 558.

SECTION 2. 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, 2017.