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S.B. No. 1458

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a prior authorization requirement for certain prescription eye drops and related medications.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 1369, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1369.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 1369.006. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PROHIBITED. A health benefit plan that covers prescription eye drops or other topical medications used to treat a disease or condition of the eye or adnexa may not require that an enrollee receive prior authorization for the eye drops or other topical medications.

SECTION 2. Section 1369.006, Insurance Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2018. A health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2018, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.