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S.B. No. 2237

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to prescription medications for the care and treatment of
3 inmates and prisoners in county jails.

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

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

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

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