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H.B. No. 434

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the dispensing of certain medications 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 351.3585 to read as follows:

Sec. 351.3585. DISPENSING MEDICATION PERMITTED; FEE AUTHORIZED. A therapeutic optometrist may:

(1) without complying with Chapter 558, dispense to a patient of the therapeutic optometrist any medication within the scope of practice of a therapeutic optometrist; and

(2) charge a fee for dispensing a medication under this section.

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, 2019.