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H.B. No. 1710

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to discussing with a patient the risks of certain controlled substance prescriptions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 481.0764, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

(f) A prescriber, other than a veterinarian, on issuance of the initial prescription for a Schedule II controlled substance or an opioid, shall discuss with the patient and, if the patient is a minor, the patient's parent, conservator, or guardian, or other person authorized to consent to the minor's medical treatment:

(1) the risk of addiction associated with the drug prescribed, including any risk of developing a physical or psychological dependence on the drug;

(2) the risk of overdose associated with the drug prescribed; and

(3) the danger of taking the drug with benzodiazepines, alcohol, or other central nervous system depressants.

(g) A prescriber who discusses the risks of a controlled substance prescription under Subsection (f) shall note the discussion in the patient's medical record.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a prescription issued on or after the effective date of this Act.

1 A prescription issued before the effective date of this Act is
2 governed by the law in effect on the date the prescription is
3 issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.