A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT
relating to providing information regarding safe disposal of
controlled substance prescription drugs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 481.074, Health and Safety Code, is
amended by adding Subsections (r) and (s) to read as follows:

(r) A person dispensing a controlled substance under a
prescription shall provide to the person receiving the controlled
substance written notice of:

(1) the closest location at which controlled substance
prescription drugs are accepted for safe disposal; and

(2) any other drug disposal methods available at the
location at which the controlled substance is dispensed, including:

(A) mail-in pouches for surrendering unused
controlled substance prescription drugs; or

(B) chemicals to render the drugs unusable.

(s) The board shall maintain a list of locations at which
controlled substance prescription drugs are accepted for safe
disposal and make that list available on the board's Internet
website. The board shall adopt rules for the form and manner of the
written notice required under Subsection (r).

SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2019, the Texas State
Board of Pharmacy shall develop and make available the list
required under Section 481.074(s), Health and Safety Code, as added
by this Act, and adopt the rules required under that subsection.

SECTION 3. Section 481.074(r), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a controlled substance dispensed on or after January 1, 2020.

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