

AN ACT

relating to the authority of physicians to delegate to certain pharmacists the implementation and modification of a patient's drug therapy.

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

SECTION 1. Section 157.101, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b-1) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(b-1) A delegation under Subsection (b) may include the implementation or modification of a patient's drug therapy under a protocol, including the authority to sign a prescription drug order for dangerous drugs, if:

(1) the delegation follows a diagnosis, initial patient assessment, and drug therapy order by the physician;

(2) the pharmacist practices in a federally qualified health center, a hospital, a hospital-based clinic, or an academic health care institution;

(3) the federally qualified health center, hospital, hospital-based clinic, or academic health care institution in which the pharmacist practices has bylaws and a medical staff policy that permit a physician to delegate to a pharmacist the management of a patient's drug therapy;

(4) the pharmacist provides the name, address, and telephone number of the pharmacist and of the delegating physician

1 on each prescription signed by the pharmacist; and

2 (5) the pharmacist provides a copy of the protocol to
3 the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

4 (g) In this section, "federally qualified health center"
5 has the meaning assigned by Section [531.02192](#), Government Code.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

H.B. No. 2425

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2425 was passed by the House on April 12, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2425 was passed by the Senate on May 10, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor