

By: Johnson of Harris

H.B. No. 2576

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2576:

By: Thompson of Harris

C.S.H.B. No. 2576

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to prescribing and dispensing certain controlled
3 substances to patients diagnosed with sickle cell disease.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 481.0765(a) and (b), Health and Safety
6 Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A prescriber is not subject to the requirements of
8 Section 481.0764(a) if:

9 (1) the patient has been diagnosed with cancer or
10 sickle cell disease or the patient is receiving hospice care; and

11 (2) the prescriber clearly notes in the prescription
12 record that the patient was diagnosed with cancer or sickle cell
13 disease or is receiving hospice care, as applicable.

14 (b) A dispenser is not subject to the requirements of
15 Section 481.0764(a) if it is clearly noted in the prescription
16 record that the patient has been diagnosed with cancer or sickle
17 cell disease or is receiving hospice care.

18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
19 to a prescription issued on or after the effective date of this Act.
20 A prescription issued before the effective date of this Act is
21 governed by the law in effect on the date the prescription is
22 issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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