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H.B. No. 3505

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Texas Optometry Board.

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

SECTION 1. Section 351.151, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The board may provide an interpretation of a provision of this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter, including by issuing an advisory opinion or declaratory ruling.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 351, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 351.170 to read as follows:

Sec. 351.170. SOLE AUTHORITY OVER PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY. The board has sole authority to regulate optometrists and therapeutic optometrists and to determine the scope of practice of an optometrist or therapeutic optometrist.

SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2019, the Texas Optometry Board shall adopt rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act to Chapter 351, Occupations Code.

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