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H.B. No. 4145

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the prescription of a controlled substance to certain  
3 patients for the treatment of pain.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 481, Health and Safety  
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 481.0725 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 481.0725. PRESCRIPTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AFTER  
8 DRUG TEST. A practitioner may not refuse to prescribe a controlled  
9 substance for the treatment of pain to a patient solely because the  
10 results of a drug test taken by the patient indicated that  
11 tetrahydrocannabinol or cannabidiol was present in the patient's  
12 body, or refuse to continue to treat the patient.

13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
14 to a prescription issued on or after the effective date of this Act.  
15 A prescription issued before the effective date of this Act is  
16 governed by the law in effect on the date the prescription is  
17 issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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