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H.B. No. 4325

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment and maintenance of a glaucoma  
3 comanagement registry.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 153, Occupations Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 153.017 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 153.017. GLAUCOMA COMANAGEMENT REGISTRY. (a) The  
8 board shall:

9 (1) establish and maintain a registry of  
10 ophthalmologists engaged in the comanagement of patients with  
11 therapeutic optometrists under Section 351.3581; and

12 (2) make the registry available to the public through  
13 a link on the board's Internet website.

14 (b) The registry must be searchable by:

15 (1) the name of the ophthalmologist;

16 (2) the name of the therapeutic optometrist; and

17 (3) the county that an ophthalmologist in the registry  
18 lists as a primary practice location.

19 (c) An ophthalmologist engaged in the comanagement of  
20 patients under Section 351.3581 shall provide to the board the name  
21 of each therapeutic optometrist with whom the ophthalmologist is  
22 comanaging patients for inclusion in the comanagement registry  
23 maintained under this section.

24 (d) The board shall establish procedures to allow an

1 ophthalmologist who provides information for inclusion in the  
2 comanagement registry maintained under this section to update the  
3 information through the registry's Internet website. The board  
4 shall require the ophthalmologist to update the information at  
5 least annually.

6 SECTION 2. Not later than March 1, 2020, the Texas Medical  
7 Board shall establish the registry required by Section 153.017,  
8 Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

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