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S.B. No. 1947

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances by veterinarians.

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

SECTION 1. Section 481.0766, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The board shall make the information reported under Subsection (a) available to the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for the purpose of routine inspections and investigations.

SECTION 2. Section 801.307, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) The board shall require a veterinarian to complete two hours of continuing education related to opioid abuse and controlled substance diversion, inventory, and security every two years to renew a license to practice veterinary medicine.

SECTION 3. Section 801.307(a-1), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, applies only to the renewal of a license to practice veterinary medicine on or after September 1, 2020. The renewal of a license before that date is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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