

1 AN ACT

2 relating to prescription drug price disclosure; authorizing a fee;  
3 providing an administrative penalty.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 441, Health and Safety  
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 441.0003 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 441.0003. RULES. The executive commissioner may adopt  
8 rules to implement this chapter.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 441, Health and Safety Code, is amended  
10 by adding Subchapter B, and a heading is added to that subchapter to  
11 read as follows:

12 SUBCHAPTER B. PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE DISCLOSURE

13 SECTION 3. Section 441.0002, Health and Safety Code, is  
14 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 441, Health and Safety Code,  
15 as added by this Act, redesignated as Sections 441.0051, 441.0052,  
16 441.0053, and 441.0054, Health and Safety Code, and amended to read  
17 as follows:

18 Sec. 441.0051 [~~441.0002~~]. ANNUAL REPORT [~~DISCLOSURE OF~~  
19 ~~DRUG PRICING INFORMATION~~]. [~~(a)~~] Not later than the 15th day of  
20 each calendar year, a pharmaceutical drug manufacturer shall submit  
21 a report to the department [~~executive commissioner~~] stating the  
22 current wholesale acquisition cost information for the United  
23 States Food and Drug Administration-approved prescription drugs  
24 sold in or into this state by that manufacturer.

1           Sec. 441.0052. PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE INFORMATION  
2 INTERNET WEBSITE. [~~(b)~~] The department [~~executive commissioner~~]  
3 shall develop an Internet website to provide to the general public  
4 prescription drug price information submitted under Section  
5 441.0051 [~~Subsection (a)~~]. The Internet website shall be made  
6 available on the department's [~~Health and Human Services~~  
7 ~~Commission's~~] Internet website with a dedicated link that is  
8 prominently displayed on the home page or by a separate easily  
9 identifiable Internet address.

10           Sec. 441.0053. PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST INCREASE REPORT AND  
11 INFORMATION. (a) [~~(c)~~] This subsection applies only to a  
12 prescription drug with a wholesale acquisition cost of at least  
13 \$100 for a 30-day supply before the effective date of an increase  
14 described by this subsection. Not later than the 30th day after the  
15 effective date of an increase of 40 percent or more over the  
16 preceding three calendar years or 15 percent or more in the  
17 preceding calendar year in the wholesale acquisition cost of a  
18 prescription drug to which this subsection applies, a  
19 pharmaceutical drug manufacturer shall submit a report to the  
20 executive commissioner. The report must include the following  
21 information:

- 22           (1) the name of the prescription drug;
- 23           (2) whether the prescription drug is a brand name or  
24 generic;
- 25           (3) the effective date of the change in wholesale  
26 acquisition cost; and
- 27           (4) [~~aggregate, company-level research and~~

1 ~~development costs for the most recent year for which final audit~~  
2 ~~data is available;~~

3 ~~[(5) the name of each of the manufacturer's~~  
4 ~~prescription drugs approved by the United States Food and Drug~~  
5 ~~Administration in the previous three calendar years;~~

6 ~~[(6) the name of each of the manufacturer's~~  
7 ~~prescription drugs that lost patent exclusivity in the United~~  
8 ~~States in the previous three calendar years; and~~

9 ~~[(7)]~~ a statement regarding the factor or factors that  
10 caused the increase in the wholesale acquisition cost and an  
11 explanation of the role of each factor's impact on the cost.

12 (b) If during a calendar year a prescription drug with a  
13 wholesale acquisition cost of at least \$100 for a 30-day supply  
14 increases in price by 40 percent or more over the preceding three  
15 calendar years or 15 percent or more in the preceding calendar year  
16 in the wholesale acquisition cost of the prescription drug, the  
17 pharmaceutical drug manufacturer must include in the annual report  
18 submitted under Section 441.0051 the following information:

19 (1) aggregate, company-level research and development  
20 costs for the most recent year for which final audit data is  
21 available;

22 (2) the name of each of the manufacturer's  
23 prescription drugs approved by the United States Food and Drug  
24 Administration in the previous three calendar years; and

25 (3) the name of each of the manufacturer's  
26 prescription drugs that lost patent exclusivity in the United  
27 States in the previous three calendar years.

1            (c) [~~(d)~~] The quality and types of information and data that  
2 a pharmaceutical drug manufacturer submits to the department  
3 [~~executive commissioner~~] under Subsections (a) and (b) [~~Subsection~~  
4 ~~(c)~~] must be consistent with the quality and types of information  
5 and data that the manufacturer includes in the manufacturer's  
6 annual consolidated report on Securities and Exchange Commission  
7 Form 10-K or any other public disclosure.

8            Sec. 441.0054. PUBLICATION OF COST INCREASE INFORMATION.

9 [~~(e)~~] Not later than the 60th day after receipt of the report  
10 submitted under Section 441.0051 or 441.0053(a) [~~Subsection (c)~~],  
11 the department [~~executive commissioner~~] shall publish the cost  
12 increase information required by Section 441.0053 [~~report~~] on the  
13 department's prescription drug price information [~~Health and Human~~  
14 ~~Services Commission's~~] Internet website [~~described by Subsection~~  
15 ~~(b)~~].

16            [~~(f) The executive commissioner may adopt rules to~~  
17 ~~implement this section.~~]

18            SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 441, Health and Safety  
19 Code, as added by this Act, is amended by adding Section 441.0055 to  
20 read as follows:

21            Sec. 441.0055. FEE. (a) A pharmaceutical drug  
22 manufacturer shall submit a fee in the amount provided by  
23 department rule with each report submitted under this subchapter.

24            (b) The executive commissioner by rule shall set the fee in  
25 the amount necessary for the department to administer this chapter,  
26 not to exceed \$400.

27            SECTION 5. Chapter 441, Health and Safety Code, is amended

1 by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

2 SUBCHAPTER C. ENFORCEMENT

3 Sec. 441.0101. RIGHT TO CORRECT. (a) If the department  
4 determines that a pharmaceutical drug manufacturer failed to submit  
5 a report or fee required under, or failed to submit the report or  
6 fee in the manner prescribed by, Subchapter B and the rules adopted  
7 under this chapter, the department shall provide written notice of  
8 the failure to the manufacturer.

9 (b) On receipt of notice described by Subsection (a), a  
10 pharmaceutical drug manufacturer shall submit, as applicable:

11 (1) a report that:

12 (A) complies with Subchapter B and rules adopted  
13 under this chapter; and

14 (B) addresses the issues raised in the notice; or

15 (2) the fee required by Section 441.0055.

16 (c) The department may not assess an administrative penalty  
17 under Section 441.0102 against a pharmaceutical drug manufacturer  
18 that submits to the department the required report or fee, as  
19 applicable, on or before the 45th day after the date the  
20 manufacturer receives notice under Subsection (a).

21 Sec. 441.0102. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY. (a) The department  
22 may assess an administrative penalty against a person who violates  
23 this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter.

24 (b) In determining the amount of the penalty, the department  
25 shall consider:

26 (1) the person's previous violations;

27 (2) the seriousness of the violation;

1           (3) the person's demonstrated good faith; and

2           (4) any other matters as justice may require.

3           (c) The penalty may not exceed \$1,000 a day for each  
4 violation.

5           (d) Each day a violation continues may be considered a  
6 separate violation.

7           (e) The enforcement of the penalty may be stayed during the  
8 time the order is under judicial review if the person pays the  
9 penalty to the clerk of the court or files a supersedeas bond with  
10 the court in the amount of the penalty. A person who cannot afford  
11 to pay the penalty or file the bond may stay the enforcement by  
12 filing an affidavit in the manner required by the Texas Rules of  
13 Civil Procedure for a party who cannot afford to file security for  
14 costs, subject to the right of the board to contest the affidavit as  
15 provided by those rules.

16           (f) The attorney general may sue to collect the penalty.  
17 Money collected under this section shall be deposited in the state  
18 treasury and may be appropriated only to the department for the  
19 purposes of administrating this chapter.

20           Sec. 441.0103. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE. A proceeding to  
21 impose an administrative penalty under Section 441.0102 is  
22 considered to be a contested case under Chapter 2001, Government  
23 Code.

24           SECTION 6. Sections 1369.502(a) and (c), Insurance Code,  
25 are amended to read as follows:

26           (a) Not later than March [~~February~~] 1 of each year, each  
27 pharmacy benefit manager shall file a report with the commissioner.

1 The report must state for the immediately preceding calendar year:

2 (1) the aggregated rebates, fees, price protection  
3 payments, and any other payments collected from pharmaceutical drug  
4 manufacturers; and

5 (2) the aggregated dollar amount of rebates, fees,  
6 price protection payments, and any other payments collected from  
7 pharmaceutical drug manufacturers that were:

8 (A) passed to:

9 (i) health benefit plan issuers; or

10 (ii) enrollees at the point of sale of a  
11 prescription drug; or

12 (B) retained as revenue by the pharmacy benefit  
13 manager.

14 (c) Not later than June [~~May~~] 1 of each year, the  
15 commissioner shall publish the aggregated data from all reports for  
16 that year required by this section in an appropriate location on the  
17 department's Internet website. The combined aggregated data from  
18 the reports must be published in a manner that does not disclose or  
19 tend to disclose proprietary or confidential information of any  
20 pharmacy benefit manager.

21 SECTION 7. Sections [1369.503](#)(a) and (c), Insurance Code,  
22 are amended to read as follows:

23 (a) Not later than March [~~February~~] 1 of each year, each  
24 health benefit plan issuer shall submit to the commissioner a  
25 report that states for the immediately preceding calendar year:

26 (1) the names of the 25 most frequently prescribed  
27 prescription drugs across all plans;

1 (2) the percent increase in annual net spending for  
2 prescription drugs across all plans;

3 (3) the percent increase in premiums that were  
4 attributable to prescription drugs across all plans;

5 (4) the percentage of specialty drugs with utilization  
6 management requirements across all plans; and

7 (5) the premium reductions that were attributable to  
8 specialty drug utilization management.

9 (c) Not later than June [~~May~~] 1 of each year, the  
10 commissioner shall publish the aggregated data from all reports for  
11 that year required by this section in an appropriate location on the  
12 department's Internet website. The combined aggregated data from  
13 the reports must be published in a manner that does not disclose or  
14 tend to disclose proprietary or confidential information of any  
15 health benefit plan issuer.

16 SECTION 8. Subchapter K, Chapter 1369, Insurance Code, is  
17 amended by adding Section 1369.5035 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 1369.5035. CONTENT OF REPORTS. The reports required  
19 by Sections 1369.502 and 1369.503 must include information relating  
20 to private health benefit plans that cover prescription drugs and  
21 are regulated by the department. The reports may not include  
22 information relating to:

23 (1) the child health plan program under Chapter 62,  
24 Health and Safety Code, or the health benefits plan for children  
25 under Chapter 63, Health and Safety Code; or

26 (2) the medical assistance program under Chapter 32,  
27 Human Resources Code.



1           SECTION 9. (a) Subchapter C, Chapter 441, Health and Safety  
2 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a violation occurring on  
3 or after the effective date of this Act.

4           (b) Section 1369.5035, Insurance Code, as added by this Act,  
5 applies only to a report submitted on or after the effective date of  
6 this Act.

7           SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1033 was passed by the House on April 8, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1033 was passed by the Senate on May 4, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor