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H.B. No. 1543

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a statewide standing order prescribing opioid
3 antagonists.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 483.102, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (d) to read as follows:

7 (a-1) The commissioner of state health services or, if the
8 commissioner is not a physician, the chief medical executive of the
9 Department of State Health Services shall issue a statewide
10 standing order prescribing an opioid antagonist to a person
11 described by Subsection (a)(1) or (2).

12 (d) The commissioner or the chief medical executive who
13 prescribes an opioid antagonist under a standing order as required
14 under Subsection (a-1) has official immunity and may not be subject
15 to any criminal or civil liability for:

16 (1) issuing the standing order prescribing the opioid
17 antagonist; or

18 (2) any outcome resulting from the eventual
19 administration of the opioid antagonist.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.