

By: Perry

S.B. No. 954

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a statewide standing order prescribing opioid antagonists.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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