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H.B. No. 95

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a restriction on the sale or distribution of an abortion-inducing drug through an Internet website.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 171, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 171.0633 to read as follows:

Sec. 171.0633. RESTRICTION ON SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF ABORTION-INDUCING DRUG THROUGH INTERNET WEBSITE. (a) A person may not sell or otherwise distribute through an Internet website an abortion-inducing drug for delivery by courier, mail service, or another delivery method to an address in this state unless the person obtains from the patient requesting the drug verification of a physician in this state prescribing the drug to the patient following an in-person medical examination.

(b) A violation of this section is a deceptive trade practice in addition to the practices described by Subchapter E, Chapter 17, Business & Commerce Code, and is actionable under that subchapter.

SECTION 2. Section 171.065(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly violates this subchapter, other than Section 171.0633, commits an offense. An offense under this subsection is a state jail felony.

SECTION 3. Section 171.0633, Health and Safety Code, as

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1 added by this Act, applies only to the sale or distribution of an
2 abortion-inducing drug that occurs on or after the effective date
3 of this Act.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
5 last day of the legislative session.