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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a pharmacist's authority to dispense ivermectin without a prescription.

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

SECTION 1.  Subtitle A, Title 6, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 446 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 446. IVERMECTIN

Sec. 446.001.  SALE OF IVERMECTIN WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION; ESTABLISHING PROTECTIONS. (a) A pharmacist may dispense ivermectin to a person, without requiring a prescription order from a licensed health care practitioner, in accordance with any written standardized procedures or protocols issued by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, including, if required, providing the person with instructions on the proper use of ivermectin.

(b)  Notwithstanding any other law, a pharmacist acting in a reasonably prudent manner is not criminally or civilly liable or subject to professional disciplinary action for dispensing ivermectin in accordance with this section.

Sec. 446.002.  RULES. The Texas State Board of Pharmacy may adopt the rules necessary to implement this chapter.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.