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By:  Schatzline H.B. No. 1651

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

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.