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H.B. No. 1644

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1644:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1644

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use, possession, delivery, or manufacture of  
testing equipment that identifies the presence of a substance  
listed in Penalty Group 1-B or xylazine.

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

SECTION 1. Section 481.125, Health and Safety Code, is  
amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(j) This section does not apply to a person who uses,  
possesses with intent to use, delivers, possesses with intent to  
deliver, or manufactures with intent to deliver testing equipment  
that identifies the presence of a substance listed in Penalty Group  
1-B or xylazine.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
governed by the law in effect at the time the offense was committed,  
and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.