

AN ACT

relating to the requirement that certain information be provided to health care practitioners regarding the use and abuse of certain drugs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 153, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Sections 153.014 and 153.015 to read as follows:

Sec. 153.014. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. At least once each biennium, the board shall provide to license holders information on:

(1) prescribing and dispensing pain medications, with particular emphasis on Schedule II and Schedule III controlled substances;

(2) abusive and addictive behavior of certain persons who use prescription pain medications;

(3) common diversion strategies employed by certain persons who use prescription pain medications, including fraudulent prescription patterns; and

(4) the appropriate use of pain medications and the differences between addiction, pseudo-addiction, tolerance, and physical dependence.

Sec. 153.015. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. The board shall provide to license holders information regarding the services provided by poison control centers.

1 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 202, Occupations Code, is
2 amended by adding Sections 202.160 and 202.161 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 202.160. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. At
4 least once each biennium, the board shall provide to license
5 holders information on:

6 (1) prescribing and dispensing pain medications, with
7 particular emphasis on Schedule II and Schedule III controlled
8 substances;

9 (2) abusive and addictive behavior of certain persons
10 who use prescription pain medications;

11 (3) common diversion strategies employed by certain
12 persons who use prescription pain medications, including
13 fraudulent prescription patterns; and

14 (4) the appropriate use of pain medications and the
15 differences between addiction, pseudo-addiction, tolerance, and
16 physical dependence.

17 Sec. 202.161. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. The board
18 shall provide to license holders information regarding the services
19 provided by poison control centers.

20 SECTION 3. Chapter 254, Occupations Code, is amended by
21 adding Sections 254.013 and 254.014 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 254.013. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. At
23 least once each biennium, the board shall provide to license
24 holders information on:

25 (1) prescribing and dispensing pain medications, with
26 particular emphasis on Schedule II and Schedule III controlled
27 substances;

1 (2) abusive and addictive behavior of certain persons
2 who use prescription pain medications;

3 (3) common diversion strategies employed by certain
4 persons who use prescription pain medications, including
5 fraudulent prescription patterns; and

6 (4) the appropriate use of pain medications and the
7 differences between addiction, pseudo-addiction, tolerance, and
8 physical dependence.

9 Sec. 254.014. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. The board
10 shall provide to license holders information regarding the services
11 provided by poison control centers.

12 SECTION 4. Subchapter D, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is
13 amended by adding Sections 301.1581 and 301.1582 to read as
14 follows:

15 Sec. 301.1581. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. At
16 least once each biennium, the board shall provide to license
17 holders information on:

18 (1) prescribing and dispensing pain medications, with
19 particular emphasis on Schedule II and Schedule III controlled
20 substances;

21 (2) abusive and addictive behavior of certain persons
22 who use prescription pain medications;

23 (3) common diversion strategies employed by certain
24 persons who use prescription pain medications, including
25 fraudulent prescription patterns; and

26 (4) the appropriate use of pain medications and the
27 differences between addiction, pseudo-addiction, tolerance, and

1 physical dependence.

2 Sec. 301.1582. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. The
3 board shall provide to license holders information regarding the
4 services provided by poison control centers.

5 SECTION 5. Subchapter D, Chapter 302, Occupations Code, is
6 amended by adding Sections 302.1551 and 302.1552 to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 302.1551. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. At
9 least once each biennium, the board shall provide to license
10 holders information on:

11 (1) prescribing and dispensing pain medications, with
12 particular emphasis on Schedule II and Schedule III controlled
13 substances;

14 (2) abusive and addictive behavior of certain persons
15 who use prescription pain medications;

16 (3) common diversion strategies employed by certain
17 persons who use prescription pain medications, including
18 fraudulent prescription patterns; and

19 (4) the appropriate use of pain medications and the
20 differences between addiction, pseudo-addiction, tolerance, and
21 physical dependence.

22 Sec. 302.1552. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. The
23 board shall provide to license holders information regarding the
24 services provided by poison control centers.

25 SECTION 6. Subchapter D, Chapter 351, Occupations Code, is
26 amended by adding Sections 351.166 and 351.167 to read as follows:

27 Sec. 351.166. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. At

1 least once each biennium, the board shall provide to license
2 holders information on:

3 (1) prescribing and dispensing pain medications, with
4 particular emphasis on Schedule II and Schedule III controlled
5 substances;

6 (2) abusive and addictive behavior of certain persons
7 who use prescription pain medications;

8 (3) common diversion strategies employed by certain
9 persons who use prescription pain medications, including
10 fraudulent prescription patterns; and

11 (4) the appropriate use of pain medications and the
12 differences between addiction, pseudo-addiction, tolerance, and
13 physical dependence.

14 Sec. 351.167. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. The board
15 shall provide to license holders information regarding the services
16 provided by poison control centers.

17 SECTION 7. Subchapter A, Chapter 554, Occupations Code, is
18 amended by adding Sections 554.014 and 554.015 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 554.014. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LICENSE HOLDERS. At
20 least once each biennium, the board shall provide to license
21 holders information on:

22 (1) prescribing and dispensing pain medications, with
23 particular emphasis on Schedule II and Schedule III controlled
24 substances;

25 (2) abusive and addictive behavior of certain persons
26 who use prescription pain medications;

27 (3) common diversion strategies employed by certain

1 persons who use prescription pain medications, including
2 fraudulent prescription patterns; and

3 (4) the appropriate use of pain medications and the
4 differences between addiction, pseudo-addiction, tolerance, and
5 physical dependence.

6 Sec. 554.015. POISON CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION. The board
7 shall provide to license holders information regarding the services
8 provided by poison control centers.

9 SECTION 8. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

10 (b) A state agency that is subject to this Act shall develop
11 materials that contain the information required by this Act not
12 later than January 1, 2004. The materials described by this section
13 may be provided by electronic or other means. The state agencies
14 that are subject to this Act shall:

15 (1) cooperate in developing the materials; and

16 (2) ensure, to the extent possible, that the same
17 information is contained in the materials used by each agency.

S.B. No. 144

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 144 passed the Senate on March 31, 2003, by a viva-voce vote; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 29, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 144 passed the House, with amendments, on May 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor