

1-1 By: Lucio III H.B. No. 1757
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Schwertner, Campbell)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2019;
 1-4 April 24, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Business & Commerce; May 7, 2019, reported favorably by the
 1-6 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 7, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the authority of an insured to select a pharmacist under
 1-21 the insured's health insurance policy.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 1451.001, Insurance Code, is amended by
 1-24 adding Subdivision (13-a) to read as follows:

1-25 (13-a) "Pharmacist" means an individual licensed to
 1-26 practice pharmacy by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

1-27 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 1451, Insurance Code, is
 1-28 amended by adding Section 1451.128 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 1451.128. SELECTION OF PHARMACIST. An insured may
 1-30 select a pharmacist to provide the services scheduled in the health
 1-31 insurance policy that are within the scope of the pharmacist's
 1-32 license to practice pharmacy under Subtitle J, Title 3, Occupations
 1-33 Code.

1-34 SECTION 3. Section 1451.128, Insurance Code, as added by
 1-35 this Act, applies only to an insurance policy delivered, issued for
 1-36 delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2020. An insurance
 1-37 policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1,
 1-38 2020, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the
 1-39 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
 1-40 that purpose.

1-41 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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