

1-1 By: Kacal (Senate Sponsor - Schwertner) H.B. No. 2425  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2019;  
1-3 April 16, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 & Human Services; May 8, 2019, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the authority of physicians to delegate to certain  
1-20 pharmacists the implementation and modification of a patient's drug  
1-21 therapy.

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

1-23 SECTION 1. Section [157.101](#), Occupations Code, is amended by  
1-24 amending Subsection (b-1) and adding Subsection (g) to read as  
1-25 follows:

1-26 (b-1) A delegation under Subsection (b) may include the  
1-27 implementation or modification of a patient's drug therapy under a  
1-28 protocol, including the authority to sign a prescription drug order  
1-29 for dangerous drugs, if:

1-30 (1) the delegation follows a diagnosis, initial  
1-31 patient assessment, and drug therapy order by the physician;

1-32 (2) the pharmacist practices in a federally qualified  
1-33 health center, a hospital, a hospital-based clinic, or an academic  
1-34 health care institution;

1-35 (3) the federally qualified health center, hospital,  
1-36 hospital-based clinic, or academic health care institution in which  
1-37 the pharmacist practices has bylaws and a medical staff policy that  
1-38 permit a physician to delegate to a pharmacist the management of a  
1-39 patient's drug therapy;

1-40 (4) the pharmacist provides the name, address, and  
1-41 telephone number of the pharmacist and of the delegating physician  
1-42 on each prescription signed by the pharmacist; and

1-43 (5) the pharmacist provides a copy of the protocol to  
1-44 the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

1-45 (g) In this section, "federally qualified health center"  
1-46 has the meaning assigned by Section [531.02192](#), Government Code.

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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