

1-1 By: Hall S.B. No. 1986  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2025; March 17, 2025, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;  
1-4 May 6, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
1-5 Nays 0; May 6, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Kolkhorst	X		
1-9	Perry	X		
1-10	Blanco	X		
1-11	Cook	X		
1-12	Hall	X		
1-13	Hancock	X		
1-14	Hughes	X		
1-15	Miles	X		
1-16	Sparks	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to warning labels for opioid prescription drugs.  
1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-21 SECTION 1. Section [481.074\(a\)](#), Health and Safety Code, is  
1-22 amended to read as follows:

1-23 (a) A pharmacist may not:

1-24 (1) dispense or deliver a controlled substance or  
1-25 cause a controlled substance to be dispensed or delivered under the  
1-26 pharmacist's direction or supervision except under a valid  
1-27 prescription and in the course of professional practice;

1-28 (2) dispense a controlled substance if the pharmacist  
1-29 knows or should have known that the prescription was issued without  
1-30 a valid patient-practitioner relationship;

1-31 (3) fill a prescription that is not prepared or issued  
1-32 as prescribed by this chapter;

1-33 (4) permit or allow a person who is not a licensed  
1-34 pharmacist or pharmacist intern to dispense, distribute, or in any  
1-35 other manner deliver a controlled substance even if under the  
1-36 supervision of a pharmacist, except that after the pharmacist or  
1-37 pharmacist intern has fulfilled his professional and legal  
1-38 responsibilities, a nonpharmacist may complete the actual cash or  
1-39 credit transaction and delivery; ~~or~~

1-40 (5) permit the delivery of a controlled substance to  
1-41 any person not known to the pharmacist, the pharmacist intern, or  
1-42 the person authorized by the pharmacist to deliver the controlled  
1-43 substance without first requiring identification of the person  
1-44 taking possession of the controlled substance, except as provided  
1-45 by Subsection (n); or

1-46 (6) dispense an opioid unless the bottle or container  
1-47 in which the opioid is dispensed is affixed with a label warning of  
1-48 the addictive nature of opioids and the risks of respiratory  
1-49 depression and overdose as required by board rule under Section  
1-50 [481.0761\(1\)](#).

1-51 SECTION 2. Section [481.0761](#), Health and Safety Code, is  
1-52 amended by adding Subsection (1) to read as follows:

1-53 (1) The board shall adopt rules requiring that an opioid be  
1-54 dispensed in a bottle or container affixed with a label warning  
1-55 users of the addictive nature of opioids and the risks of  
1-56 respiratory depression and overdose. The label must include  
1-57 language substantially similar to the following:

1-58 "CAUTION: Opioid. Risk of Addiction, Respiratory Depression,  
1-59 and Overdose."

1-60 SECTION 3. The Texas State Board of Pharmacy shall adopt the  
1-61 rules required under Section [481.0761\(1\)](#), Health and Safety Code,

2-1 as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2026.  
2-2 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
2-3 to a prescription for an opioid dispensed on or after March 1, 2026.  
2-4 A prescription dispensed before March 1, 2026, is governed by the  
2-5 law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and  
2-6 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.  
2-7 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-11 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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