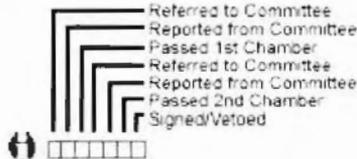




Board of Pharmacy Bill Status Report

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HB 1 Pitts, Jim(R) General Appropriations Bill.



Bill History: 03-21-13 H Meeting set for 8:30 a.m., E1.030 House Appropriations

HB 9 Flynn, Dan(R) Relating to posting certain information regarding compensation of state agency executive staff on the Internet.



General Remarks: This bill will require the agency to post on the agency's website, in the manner provided by the state auditor, the agency's methodology, including any employment market analysis, for determining the compensation of executive staff employed by the agency. Agency executive staff includes the Executive Director and Senior level staff members. The term "compensation" includes an emolument provided in lieu of base salary or wages or a supplement to base salary or wages.

Bill History: 05-01-13 H Reported favorably from committee on Select on Transparency in Agency Operations

HB 12 Flynn, Dan(R) Relating to gifts made to a state agency for a state employee salary supplement.



General Remarks: This bill prohibits a state agency from accepting a gift, grant, donation, or other consideration from a person, including a foundation or other entity, to be used as a salary supplement for an employee of the agency unless:

- the person provides the agency with the methodology, including any employment market analysis used to determine the

- amount provided for the salary supplement; and
- the agency post information about the suppliment on the agency Website.

Bill History: 05-01-13 H Reported favorably from committee on Select on Transparency in Agency Operations

HB 16
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Flynn, Dan(R)

Relating to a requirement that a state agency post the results of certain audits on the state agency's Internet website.

General Remarks: This bill requires state agencies to post on the agency's website, an audit of the agency, including an internal audit and a risk assessment report.

Bill History: 05-01-13 H Reported favorably from committee on Select on Transparency in Agency Operations

HB 45
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Flynn, Dan(R)

Relating to the occupational licensing of members of the military and spouses of members of the military.

Companions: SB 162 Van de Putte, Leticia (Identical)
5- 2-13 H Passed on local calendar
(Vote: Y:147/N: 0)

General Remarks: See the remarks for SB 162.

Bill History: 04-15-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred

HB 87
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Callegari, Bill(R)

Relating to regulation of an individual's occupation.

General Remarks: This bill specifies that an individual may engage in an occupation *"free from any substantial burden created by a state agency rule, policy, or practice"* unless the state agency demonstrates that the:

- State has a compelling governmental interest in protecting against actual and specific harm to the public; and
- Rule, policy, or practice is narrowly tailored to further that compelling governmental interest.

The Substitute creates the ability for a license to assert as a defense in any administrative or judicial proceeding to enforce a state agency rule, policy, or practice that the standard for adopting the rule has not been met. The licensee is required to show by a *"preponderance"* of the evidence that the state agency rule, policy, or practice substantially burdens the individual's right to engage in an occupation.

Bill History: 04-29-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Government Efficiency and Reform

HB 291 King, Phil(R) Relating to a hiring freeze of nonessential personnel employed by a state agency.

General Remarks: This bill would put a "hiring freeze" on agencies for "non-essential" employees effective 09/01/2015. The bill also requires the salaries for positions in the "hiring freeze" to be deposited to GR and prohibits the agency from using that money for any other purpose..

Bill History: 02-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

HB 453 Dukes, Dawwna(D) Relating to the application, renewal, and period of validity of a registration under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

General Remarks: This bill will require DPS to implement an electronic registration program on the agency's website. The bill specifies that a registration would be valid for 3-years and increases the amount DPS can charge for an initial or renewal registration from \$25 to \$75.

The text of the bill in the substitute appears to be the same as the original bill, but the caption is amended to include the phrase "authorizing the increase of a fee."

Bill History: 04-26-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Health

HB 542 Zerwas, John(R) Relating to the prescription and pharmaceutical substitution of biological products.

Companions: SB 190 Huffman, Joan (Identical)
5- 8-13 H Meeting set for 8:00 a.m.,
E2.012, House Public Health

General Remarks: See the remarks for SB 190

Bill History: 02-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 559 Burkett, Cindy(R) Relating to the suspension of certain licenses held by employers for the knowing employment of persons not lawfully present in the United States.

General Remarks: This bill provides for suspension of an occupational licensee for hiring an illegal alien. The bill provides for a complaint and hearings process with Texas Workforce Commission, including a suspension notification to the licensing agencies involved (similar to that for nonpayment of child support or student loans). TSBP would be required to carryout the suspension if is ordered by TWC.

Bill History: 02-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

HB 713

Zerwas, John(R)

Relating to the dispensing of pharmaceuticals with an aesthetic purpose by physicians and therapeutic optometrists.

General Remarks: This bill will allow physicians and therapeutic optometrist to dispense and charge a fee for dispensing the following "*pharmaceuticals with an aesthetic purpose:*"

- Bimatoprost (Latisse); and
- Eflornithine (Vaniqa)

The bill also specifies that the Medical and Optometry Boards must consult with TSBP in adopting rules for labeling the prescriptions.

Bill History: 02-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 746

Ashby, Trenton(R)

Relating to allowing health care providers to provide services across state lines in catastrophic circumstances.

General Remarks: The bill allows volunteer healthcare providers during an emergency to register with the emergency management division and practice without a license from the state. It sets out numerous requirements for the registration system and other provisions.

The Committee Substitute specifies that the Department of State Health Services will administer the system and will:

- accept applications for the registration of volunteer health practitioners before or during an emergency;
- include information about the licensing and good standing of health practitioners that is accessible by authorized persons;
- be capable of confirming whether a health practitioner is licensed and in good standing before health or veterinary services are

provided; and

- include information regarding the results of a criminal history record information check performed on the volunteer health practitioners listed in the system.

The Substitute also requires a state agency that grants a license to a health practitioner to coordinate with the department to provide licensing or criminal history record information for volunteer health practitioners seeking registration.

Bill History: 05-03-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred

HB 757



Pickett, Joe(D)

Relating to the eligibility requirements for occupational licenses issued to applicants with military experience.

General Remarks: This bill requires TDLR and other state agencies to recognize military training etc. for licensing requirements other than examinations; and requires rules by the agencies.

The House Substitute removes the requirement to recognize military training for licensing requirement for agencies other than TDLR . The substitute also included language for TSBP and other Occupational Code agencies to expedite licensing process for military members and spouses.

Bill History: 04-11-13 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Veteran Affairs/Military Installations

HB 825



Callegari, Bill(R)

Relating to the review by the Sunset Advisory Commission of legislation proposing to regulate an occupation.

General Remarks: The bill allows a member of the legislature to ask the Sunset Commission to review proposed legislation that will:

- require regulation of a previously unregulated profession; or
- make major changes to a currently regulated profession.

Sunset is required to analyze the proposed legislation to determine whether the:

- unregulated practice of the occupation would be inconsistent with the public interest;
- public can reasonably be expected to benefit from an assurance of initial and

- continuing professional skill sets or competencies; and
- public can be more effectively protected by means other than state regulation.

Bill History: 02-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform

HB 1055 Kolkhorst, Lois(R)

Relating to the delegation and supervision of prescriptive authority by physicians to certain advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants.

Companions: SB 406 Nelson, Jane (Identical)
5- 1-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Health

General Remarks: This bill makes significant changes to physician's delegation of prescriptive authority to APRNs and PAs including:

- allowing a MD to supervise 7 rather than 4;
- changing "carrying out and signing" to "prescribing or ordering";
- providing more detailed requirements on the protocol/agreement; and
- allowing APRNs and PAs to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances in a hospital facility-based practice and for hospice patients.

Bill History: 02-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 1610 Schaefer, Matt(R)

Relating to the establishment of a pharmacy school at The University of Texas at Tyler.

Companions: SB 566 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee on House Higher Education

General Remarks: See the remarks for SB 566

Bill History: 03-27-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education

HB 1659 Thompson, Senfronia(D)

Relating to certain actions taken by certain licensing authorities regarding a license holder or applicant who received deferred adjudication for certain offenses.

General Remarks: This bill adds sex offender registration as an automatic consideration for allowing a deferred adjudication to be considered as a conviction by a

licensing authority when determining violations/sanctions.

Bill History: 04-29-13 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

HB 1749

Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to the meeting of a governmental body held by videoconference call.



Companions: SB 984 Ellis, Rodney (Identical)
5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform

General Remarks: This bill changes the requirements of a meeting that is held by videoconference to:

- only require the presiding officer and not a majority of the board at the location open to the public; and
- requires that each member and the public see all participants in the meeting

Bill History: 04-18-13 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

HB 2087

Sheffield, J.D.(R)

Relating to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.



Companions: SB 500 Van de Putte, Leticia (Identical)
5- 1-13 G Sent to the Governor

General Remarks: See the remarks for SB 500

Bill History: 04-24-13 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 500

HB 2222

Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to the minimum patient age for administration of an immunization or vaccination by a pharmacist.



General Remarks: This bill will allow pharmacists to administer immunizations and vaccinations to persons 7-years of age or older rather than the current 14-years or older.

Bill History: 03-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 2361

Darby, Drew(R)

Relating to self-directed and semi-independent status of certain health care regulatory agencies.



Companions: SB 1375 Hinojosa, Chuy (Identical)

5- 6-13 S First placement on Senate
Intent Calendar for

General Remarks: See the remarks for SB 1375

Bill History: 04-23-13 H Committee action pending House
Appropriations

HB 2414
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Button, Angie(R)

Relating to requirements for open meetings held by
videoconference call.

General Remarks: This is another bill that will allow even broader use
of the video conferencing technology for meetings.

Bill History: 05-03-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred

HB 2700
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Bonnen, Greg(R)

Relating to the requirement that certain health care
providers give patients a good faith estimate of the
expected payment for health care services and
goods before the services or goods are provided.

General Remarks: This bill will require health care providers
(including pharmacists) to provide a good faith
estimate of the actual expenses for services
(including drugs) before a health care provider
provides a health care service to the person. If the
person has insurance the provider must provide
an estimate of the amount insurance will pay and
the amount the person will be required to pay.

The House Proposed language rewrites the bill to
requires good faith estimate of actual charges for
facility-based services such as hospitals.

Bill History: 05-04-13 H Reported from committee as
substituted House Insurance

HB 2851
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Callegari, Bill(R)

Relating to the adoption of new rules by state
agencies.

General Remarks: This bill restricts agencies to adopting only rules
that fulfill their purposes.

The Substitute gives more details and requires
that agencies can adopt rules that fulfill a purpose
established by the constitutional or statutory law
governing the agency and that are within the
agency's authority to adopt.

Bill History: 05-06-13 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 2934
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Hunter, Todd(R)

Relating to electronic communications during a
public meeting and the definitions of public
information and official business under the public

information law.

General Remarks: This bill would prohibit a board member from transmitting an electronic communication during a public meeting (with exceptions for emergencies and to family members if not about official business).

The bill also broadens the definition of public information significantly to include information on personal devices that are used for public business.

Bill History: 04-01-13 H Committee action pending House Government Efficiency and Reform

HB 2938

Laubenberg, Jodie(R)

Relating to the administration of an immunization or vaccination by a pharmacist.

Companions: SB 1013 Taylor, Larry (Identical)
4- 9-13 S Committee action pending
Senate Health and Human Services

General Remarks: The bill makes numerous clean-up changes to language in the Administration section of the Pharmacy Act and changes the minimum age for a patient obtaining an immunization or vaccination from a pharmacist from 14 to 7.

Bill History: 04-24-13 H Committee action pending House Public Health

HB 2948

Harper-Brown, Linda(R)

Relating to the review of certain rules of state agencies.

General Remarks: This bill requires rules to be filed with the LBB the same day as posting with the SOS. The LBB must perform a cost-benefit analysis. The bill also requires the LBB to conduct a review of existing rules similar to the current "rule review." The bill authorizes the governor to rescind any "negative" rule.

Bill History: 04-15-13 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ.,
E1.026 House Government Efficiency and Reform

HB 2953

Guillen, Ryan(D)

Relating to the ability of a state license holder to practice the person's profession.

General Remarks: This bill prohibits municipalities from imposing additional rules on occupational license holders.

Bill History: 04-29-13 H Reported from committee as substituted Licensing and Administrative Procedures

HB 3020 Sheffield, J.D.(R) Relating to disclosure of the price charged by a health care provider for a health care service or supply.

General Remarks: This bill requires health care providers to provide clear pricing information to the public.

Bill History: 04-17-13 H Committee action pending House Public Health

HB 3282 Zedler, Bill(R) Relating to the regulation of the practice of pharmacy.

Companions: SB 869 Van de Putte, Leticia (Identical)
5- 1-13 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

General Remarks: See the remarks for SB 869

Bill History: 04-10-13 H Committee action pending House Public Health

HB 3301 McClendon, Ruth Jones(D) Relating to the regulation of controlled substances and the establishment of an electronic system for monitoring controlled substances.

General Remarks: This bill would move the PMP program and CS registration to the TSBP by 9/1/14.

Bill History: 03-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 3394 Harper-Brown, Linda(R) Relating to the Sunset Advisory Commission.

General Remarks: This bill changes the title from Sunset Law, to Sunset and Modernization Law. The bill:

- Adds "redesign state agencies in an effort to streamline an agency's services" to the Sunset Advisory purpose; and
- Changes the makeup of the Sunset Advisory and Modernization Commission to include 6-public members appointed by the governor. These members must have experience/qualifications in technology, auditing, management consulting, or experience as an "innovation executive".

The bill also lists goals for a state agency review.

Bill History: 04-08-13 H Committee action pending House Government Efficiency and Reform

HB 3804

Branch, Dan(R)

Relating to written electronic communications between members of a governmental body.

General Remarks: This bill allows Board members to communicate electronically if the chats are posted in real-time on a message board.

Bill History: 04-01-13 H Committee action pending House Government Efficiency and Reform

HJR 105

Taylor, Van(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to provide for review or approval of state agency rules by the elected members of the legislature.

General Remarks: This bill allows for a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to review and approve rules of agencies

Bill History: 03-07-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

SB 1

Williams, Tommy(R)
Pitts, Jim(R)

General Appropriations Bill.

Bill History: 04-24-13 H Conference committee set for 8:00 A.M., E1.036

SB 162

Van de Putte, Leticia(D)
Flynn, Dan(R)

Relating to the occupational licensing of members of the military and spouses of members of the military.

Companions: HB 45 Flynn, Dan (Identical)
4-15-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred

General Remarks: This bill changes the requirements for issuing an expedited license for active military personnel. The bill also increases the persons who are eligible for the expedited process to include those currently serving in the armed forces of the United States, in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States including the National Guard, or in the state military service of any state and their spouses. The bill specifies that a state agency that issues a license shall, *as soon as practicable after a military member or spouse files an application for a license:*"

- process the application; and
- issue a license to a qualified applicant who holds a current license issued by another jurisdiction that has licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements in this state.

The bill also specifies that a license issued under this section may not be a provisional license and

must confer the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as a license not issued under this provision.

The agency must adopt rules to implement the legislation by 1/1/15.

Bill History: 05-02-13 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:147/N: 0)

SB 190
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Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to the prescription and pharmaceutical substitution of biological products.

Companions: HB 542 Zerwas, John (Identical)
2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

General Remarks: This bill amends the Pharmacy Act to allow substitution of biological products (Biosimilars) by specifying requirements for pharmacy handling of biological products, including recordkeeping, labeling, counseling information, refills, interchange/substitution, and charges.

The committee substitute amends the language to place biosimilar substitution within the current substitution requirements in the Pharmacy Act. and requires physician notification upon dispensing a Biosimilar. However, a floor amendment that passed in the Senate places a 12/31/15 expiration date on the notification to the practitioner.

Bill History: 05-08-13 H Meeting set for 8:00 a.m., E2.012 House Public Health

SB 227
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Williams, Tommy(R)

Relating to the dispensation of aesthetic pharmaceuticals by physicians.

General Remarks: This bill will allow physicians to dispense the following "*aesthetic pharmaceuticals*:"

- Bimatoprost (Latisse);
- Hydroquinone (Lustra, Claripel);
- Tretinoin (Retin A); Metronidazole (MetroCream); and
- Tazaroten (Avage, Tazorac).

When dispensing the aesthetic drugs the physician must inform the patient that the prescription may be filled at a pharmacy or the physician's office.

The final version that passed the Senate was amended to require the Medical, Optometry, and Pharmacy Boards to "*jointly adopt rules to govern*

the packaging, labeling, and dispensing."

Bill History: 05-08-13 H Meeting set for 8:00 a.m., E2.012
House Public Health

SB 316



Uresti, Carlos(D)

Relating to the substitution by a pharmacist of certain opioid analgesic drugs.

General Remarks: This bill requires TSBP to adopt rules that:

- list substantially similar opioid anagesic drugs; and
- prohibits substitution unless:
 - the opioid is on the list and is rated equivalent in the orange book; and
 - consent is obtained from the prescriber.

The substitute elemiates the substitution requirements in the original bill and substitutes language that will:

- require TSBP to develop a CE program on opioid drug abuse and the delivery, dispensing, and provision of tamper-resistant opioid drugs after considering input from interested persons; and
- require the Senate Health and Human Services Committee to conduct interim study regarding opioid abuse and the provision of tamper-resistant opioids

Bill History: 04-25-13 H Received in the House - Not referred

SB 404



Schwertner, Charles(R)

Relating to complaints filed with the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

General Remarks: This bill will:

- Prohibit the Board from considering or acting on a complaint if the violation occurred more than 7-years before the date of the complaint.
- Allow the Board to:
 - Issue a *remedial plan* to resolve a compliant.
 - Assess a fee against a license holder participating in a remedial plan in an amount necessary to recover the costs of administering the plan.
- A remedial plan may not be imposed to resolve a complaint:
 - Concerning:

- A death; or
- A hospitalization;
- Involving:
 - the commission of a felony; or
 - a matter designated by board rule in which the appropriate resolution may involve a restriction on the manner in which a license holder practices pharmacy.

Bill History: 05-08-13 H Meeting set for 8:00 a.m., E2.012 House Public Health

SB 406
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Nelson, Jane(R)
Kolkhorst, Lois(R)

Relating to the delegation and supervision of prescriptive authority by physicians to certain advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants.

Companions: HB 1055 Kolkhorst, Lois (Identical)
2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

General Remarks: This bill makes significant changes to the physician's delegation of prescriptive authority to APRNs and PAs including

- allowing a MD to supervise 7 rather than 4;
- changing "carrying out and signing" to "prescribing or ordering";
- providing more detailed requirements on the protocol/agreement; and
- allowing APRNs and PAs to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances in a hospital facility-based practice and for hospice patients.

Bill History: 05-01-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Health

SB 500
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Van de Putte, Leticia(D)
Sheffield, J.D.(R)

Relating to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

Companions: HB 2087 Sheffield, J.D. (Identical)
4-24-13 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 500

General Remarks: This bill increases the size of the Board of Pharmacy from 9 to 11 by adding a pharmacy technician and a pharmacist to the the Board. The resulting composition of the Board will be:

- 7 Pharmacists;
- 3 Public Members; and
- 1 Pharmacy Technician.

As soon as possible after 9/1/2013, the Governor must appoint a pharmacy technician to serve a 6-year term and a pharmacists to serve a 4-year term. By staggering the appointment terms of these new members the Board will not have 5-members' terms expire at one time.

Bill History: 05-01-13 G Sent to the Governor

SB 566



Eltife, Kevin(R)

Relating to the establishment of a pharmacy school at The University of Texas at Tyler.

Companions: HB 1610 Schaefer, Matt (Identical)
3-27-13 H Committee action pending
House Higher Education

General Remarks: This bill allows the University of Texas at Tyler to establish a School of Pharmacy.

Bill History: 05-01-13 H Voted favorably from committee on
House Higher Education

SB 869



Van de Putte, Leticia(D)

Zedler, Bill(R)

Relating to the regulation of the practice of pharmacy.

Companions: HB 3282 Zedler, Bill (Identical)
4-10-13 H Committee action pending
House Public Health

General Remarks: This bill makes numerous "clean up" amendments to the Pharmacy Act including:

- clarifying the portions of the act that apply to pharmacy technician trainees;
- allowing the Board to receive gifts and grants;
- allowing the Board to prohibit renewal of a pharmacist or pharmacy license if the pharmacist or pharmacy has had a license in another state suspended or revoked;
- modifies the requirements for displaying pharmacist's licenses in a pharmacy;
- adding TSBP to the list of agencies that can get nondisclosure records;
- deleting the requirement that a pharmacist must notify the Dr. when substituting a dosage form;
- allowing the Board to impose any of the sanctions listed in the act on a pharmacist intern; and

- disclose information about an investigation to an "entity that administers a board-approved pharmacy technician certification examination."

Bill History: 05-01-13 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

SB 984



Ellis, Rodney(D)

Relating to the meeting of a governmental body held by videoconference call.

Companions: HB 1749 Perry, Charles (Identical)
4-18-13 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

General Remarks: This bill changes the requirements of a meeting that is held by videoconference to:

- only require the presiding officer and not a majority of the board at the location open to the public; and
- require that each member and the public see all participants in the meeting.

Bill History: 05-01-13 H Voted favorably from committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform

SB 1013



Taylor, Larry(R)

Relating to the administration of an immunization or vaccination by a pharmacist.

Companions: HB 2938 Laubenberg, Jodie (Identical)
4-24-13 H Committee action pending House Public Health

General Remarks: The bill makes numerous clean-up changes to language in the Administration section of the Pharmacy Act and changes the minimum age for a patient obtaining an immunization or vaccination from a pharmacist from 14 to 7.

Bill History: 04-09-13 S Committee action pending Senate Health and Human Services

SB 1025



Seliger, Kel(R)

Relating to the offense of the carrying of a handgun by a concealed handgun license holder at certain meetings of a governmental entity.

General Remarks: This bill softens handgun laws to allow persons to carry a concealed handgun at public meetings if authorized in writing by the entity.

Bill History: 03-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

SB 1100



Van de Putte, Leticia(D)

Relating to the licensing and inspection of certain out-of-state pharmacies by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

General Remarks: This bill amends the Pharmacy Act to:

- Give the Board of Pharmacy the authority to inspect out-of-state sterile compounding pharmacy and require them to pay for travel of Board personnel;
- Require an inspection prior to opening a sterile compounding pharmacy; and
- Specify the pharmacy may not renew unless it has been inspected as required by the board and the pharmacy has reimbursed the Board for the costs of the inspection.

The Substitute adds a provision that allows TSBP to accept an inspection report issued by the pharmacy licensing board in the state in which the pharmacy is located if:

- the board determines that the other state has comparable standards and regulations applicable to pharmacies, including standards and regulations related to health and safety; and
- the pharmacy provides to the board any requested documentation related to the inspection.

Bill History: 05-01-13 H Received in the House - Not referred

SB 1297



Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to written electronic communications between members of a governmental body.

General Remarks: This bill would allow Board members to communicate electronically if the chats are posted in real-time on a message board that is prominently displayed on the agency's Website.

Bill History: 04-08-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform

SB 1375



Hinojosa, Chuy(D)

Relating to self-directed and semi-independent status of certain health care regulatory agencies.

Companions: HB 2361 Darby, Drew (Identical)
4-23-13 H Committee action pending
House Appropriations

General Remarks:

This bill will give Semi-Independent/Self-Directed status to the Texas Medical Board, the Texas Board of Nursing and the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

The Senate Committee Substitute directs that a study be conducted concerning self-directed semi-independent status of state agencies by Sunset Commission, in consultation with LBB. The Study must be completed by August 31, 2014.

Note: The Senate will place a contingency rider in the appropriations act that will require TMB, BON, and TSBP to contract with the Sunset Commission pay the \$76,000 needed to conduct this study.

Bill History: 05-06-13 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

SB 1396

Estes, Craig(R)

Relating to state agency investigations.

General Remarks: This bill provides for significant protection of a party requested to respond to an agency investigation

Bill History: 03-18-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Government Organization

SB 1643

Williams, Tommy(R)

Relating to the monitoring of prescriptions for certain controlled substances.

General Remarks: This bill makes numerous changes to the Controlled Substances Act to:

- Amend the definition of a patient to include a person who is seeing a physician for the first time so that the physician can look up the potential patient's history in the PMP database.
- Add method of payment to the PMP data for CII RXs;
- Add a pharmacy technician under the supervision of a pharmacist and a nurse to the list of individuals that can look up data on the PMP; and
- Create an interagency prescription monitoring work group composed of DPS, DSHS, TMB and TSBP to improved effectiveness and efficiency of the program.

The Senate Substitute adds the following additional provisions to the bill that:

- Allow an individual authorized to access the data to do so through a health information exchange; and
- Specify that DPS must keep the data for 36-months rather than the current 12-months

Bill History: 05-03-13 H Referred to House Committee on
House Public Health

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