

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1264
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Public Health
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that physicians continue to need communication from a pharmacist regarding biological products dispensed by the pharmacist because of the complex nature of these products and the ability of pharmacists to make substitutions. H.B. 1264 seeks to address this issue by repealing the expiration date for requirements relating to such communication.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1264 repeals Section 562.0051(c), Occupations Code, which sets an expiration date of September 1, 2019, for statutory provisions requiring a dispensing pharmacist or the pharmacist's designee, not later than the third business day after the date of dispensing a biological product, to communicate to the prescribing practitioner certain information about the product and prescribing the method for doing so.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.