

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law requires that prescriptions written for Schedule II Controlled Substances be issued on serially numbered triplicate prescription forms. One form is kept by the doctor, one by the pharmacist, and one is sent by the pharmacist to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for monitoring purposes. In 1995, H.B. 1070 was amended to allow doctors to use a serially numbered non-transferable sticker to issue a prescription, and the pharmacist to enter the information into the computer and electronically transfer the information to DPS. S.B. 254 authorizes the director of the DPS to permit the use of triplicate or single prescription forms under the Texas Controlled Substance Act.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 254 authorizes the director of the Department of Public Safety to permit the use of triplicate or single prescription forms under the Texas Controlled Substance Act.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 40, Chapter 745, Acts of the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997 to authorize the director of the Department of Public Safety, by rule, to permit the use of triplicate or single prescription forms during a period of transition, rather than during the transition period but not after March 1, 1999.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.