

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas pharmacists are required to type or pre-print their labels with the words, "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription." The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires drug manufacturers to print "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription" on prescription labels for dangerous drugs. Recently, the FDA has allowed manufacturers to alter the labeling requirement by printing "Rx only." S.B. 511 will require any "dangerous drug" to bear the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription" or, at a minimum, "Rx only."

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 511 revises the definition of a dangerous drug.

### **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 Subdivision (15), Article 4542a-1, V.T.C.S., to redefine "dangerous drug," as any drug or device that bears or is required to bear the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription" or, at a minimum, "Rx only."

SECTION 2. Amends Subdivision (2), Section 483.001, Human Resources Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.