

DPS TO IMPLEMENT SENATE BILL 195 – 84TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SB 195 has several key mandates. The bill eliminates the requirement for the Texas Controlled Substances Registration for those who manufacture, distribute, prescribe, possess, analyze, or dispense a controlled substance in this state, transfers the Texas Prescription Program (TPP) to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP) and requires the Texas Department of Public Safety to establish a separate secure Prescription Drug Monitoring portal for law enforcement agencies.

Texas Controlled Substances Registration

Effective September 1, 2016, the Texas Department of Public Safety will discontinue accepting applications for the Texas Controlled Substances Registration under Chapter 481.061 of the Health and Safety Code. Controlled Substances Registration applications received on or after September 1, 2016 will be returned to the customer.

Effective July 1, 2016, the \$25 application fee will be waived for all incoming Controlled Substances Registration applications. Any application fees received after July 1, 2016 will be returned to the customer.

Official Prescription Forms

Effective September 1, 2016, the Texas Prescription Program transfers to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy. This includes the oversight and processing of the official prescription pads for Schedule II prescription forms. The Texas Department of Public Safety will no longer accept orders for the official prescription pads effective August 21, 2016. However, official prescription forms issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety prior to September 1, 2016 will be considered valid prescription forms. Official prescription pad orders received after August 21, 2016 will be returned to the customers.

Law Enforcement Secure Portal

Effective September 1, 2016, law enforcement officials will be redirected to a new URL that is dedicated solely for law enforcement purposes. The portal will continue to feature the investigation module, implemented in 2015, allowing law enforcement to have oversight of their prescription investigations. The portal will continue to provide law enforcement officials an effective tool for investigating and preventing drug diversion and will assist with identifying potential prescription drug abuse, patients who are doctor shopping or forging prescriptions, and physicians who are illicitly prescribing drugs.

Medical practitioners and state regulatory agencies will be directed to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

