

Texas House of Representatives



House Representative

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House Bill 1710 passes in the house to move one step forward to helping Texans fight opioid addictions

Austin, TX – State Representative Ana-Maria Ramos of House District 102 passed a bill out of the House on April 12, 2019 that works to combat the growing opioid epidemic in Texas.

House Bill 1710 would require health care professionals to discuss the risks of addiction and overdose with patients when prescribing Schedule II substances or opioids.

Dallas County, which House District 102 partially covers, has seen nearly 2,000 deaths related to opioid use between 2000 and 2015. Texas as a whole experienced almost 14,000 deaths related to opioid use in the same time period.

"I am hopeful HB 1710 will open up conversations between patients and doctors about the very real, devastating consequences that happen when these medicines are abused," Representative Ramos said.

The bill was supported by numerous organizations, including The Texas Orthopaedic Association, the American Board of Addiction Medicine, and Prevent Opioid Abuse.

House Bill 1710 has left the House of Representatives and will now move to the Senate for approval.

"I believe this bill is another step forward for Texas in a national effort to help prevent opioid addiction before it even has the chance to start," Representative Ramos said.

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