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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

## AN ACT

2 relating to directing payment, after approval, of certain 3 miscellaneous claims and judgments against the state out of funds 4 designated by this Act; making appropriations.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. The following sums of money are appropriated 7 from money derived from the settlement of the following lawsuits 8 and held in the suspense account established by the comptroller and 9 the attorney general in the General Revenue Fund Account No. 0001 10 for payment of itemized claims and judgments plus interest, if any, 11 against the State of Texas:

12 To pay Wright & Greenhill, P.C. the following amounts payable 13 under the outside counsel contract OCC No. 2007-302-0012 in 14 connection with the settlement of claims in State of Texas ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys, Inc. v. Mylan Pharmaceuticals USA, 15 et al., Cause No. D-1-GV-07-001259, District Court of Travis 16 County, 201st Judicial District--the amount of \$5,750,000.00 for 17 legal fees and the amount of \$174,222.32 for expenses for a total 18 \$5,924,222.32 19 appropriation of

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S.B. No. 1589 District--the amount of \$11,230,010.00 for legal fees and the 1 amount of \$157,093.62 for expenses for a total appropriation 2 3 of \$11,387,103.62 SECTION 2. The following sums of money are appropriated out 4 5 of the General Revenue Fund Account No. 0001 for payment of itemized claims and judgments plus interest, if any, against the State of 6 7 Texas: 8 To pay Securities America Advisors, Inc. for replacement of a void warrant issued on March 9, 2000, for reimbursement of 9 10 professional fees \$1,760.00 To pay Community Healthcare Services, Inc. for home and 11 12 community services provided from February 2005 through August 2005 13 \$142,000.29 14 To pay Robert S. Kittredge for replacement of a void warrant 15 issued May 14, 1982 \$10.00 To pay Cable Com, Inc. for replacement of a void warrant 16 issued April 24, 1995 \$8,202.44 17 To pay Linda Clay for replacement of a void warrant issued 18 November 7, 1994 19 \$77.35 To pay confidential payee for claim number 93M90481 for 20 replacement of a void payroll warrant issued November 10, 21 22 1994 \$565.56 To pay AT&T for telephone services provided from November 23 24 2000 to February 2002 \$7,978.41 To pay Young County-District Attorney, 90th District, for 25 26 attorney's fees for a fraud case August 13, 1999 \$280.00 To pay Young County-District Attorney, 90th District, for 27

S.B. No. 1589 1 attorney's fees for a fraud case January 11, 2001 \$280.00 To pay confidential payee for claim 94M00566 for void payroll 2 3 warrants issued from January 1986 to March 1992 \$29,776.42 To pay confidential payee for claim 94M00581 for replacement 4 5 of a void warrant issued December 17, 1997 \$65.55 To pay BHR Lodging Tenant Company for replacement of a void 6 7 warrant issued March 16, 2007 \$167,323.45 8 To pay confidential payee for claim 94M00716 for replacement of a void warrant issued July 21, 1999 \$1,298.39 9 10 To pay confidential payee for claim 94M00753 for replacement of a void warrant issued July 2, 2001 \$348.54 11 12 To pay confidential payee for claim 94M00977 for replacement of a void warrant issued May 7, 2001 13 \$576.72 To pay confidential payee for claim 94M01069 for replacement 14 15 of a void warrant issued October 2, 2001 \$112.00 To pay The Children's Shelter for foster care provided from 16 March 15, 2006, to November 9, 2006 \$26,529.00 17 To pay The Children's Shelter for foster care provided from 18 19 November 3, 2006, to July 31, 2007 \$14,601.60 To pay The Children's Shelter for foster care provided from 20 December 7, 2006, to August 31, 2007 \$12,728.00 21 To pay The Children's Shelter for foster care provided from 22 November 1, 2006, to February 1, 2007 \$11,979.64 23 24 To pay The Children's Shelter for foster care provided from March 3, 2007, to August 31, 2007 25 \$10,144.05 To pay The Children's Shelter for foster care provided from 26 June 27, 2006, to May 3, 2007 \$9,564.39 27

S.B. No. 1589 To pay The Children's Shelter for foster care provided from 1 2 January 21, 2007, to July 31, 2007 \$6,512.00 To pay the Bexar County Auditor for reimbursement for 3 appointment under Article 11.071, Code of Criminal Procedure, of 4 5 counsel Robin Norris in case #2004CR1613-W1-Defendant Ramon Hernandez May 2006 to August 2007 \$3,149.31 6 To pay confidential payee for claim 94M01169 for replacement 7 8 of a void payroll warrant issued September 17, 2001 \$384.79 9 To pay City of Corpus Christi 80 percent reimbursement for 10 engineering services provided from September 1, 2006, to August 31, 2007 11 \$192,680.95 To pay confidential payee for claim 94M10076 for replacement 12 of a void warrant issued June 28, 1995 13 \$500.00 14 To pay Christopher Patrick Cotter for replacement of a void 15 warrant issued November 16, 2001 \$100.00 SECTION 3. The following sums of money are appropriated out 16 17 of the State Highway Fund No. 0006 for payment of itemized claims and judgments plus interest, if any, against the State of Texas: 18 To pay Thomas Williams for attorney's fees and court costs 19 plus interest per judgment Cause No. GN-503758 in claim No. 20 90T00005 21 \$992,555.50 To pay AT&T for utility adjustment for widening project 22 September 1, 2003, to August 31, 2004 \$329,376.20 23 24 To pay City of Lewisville for Timber Creek Bike Trail Project October 2003 to August 2004 \$4,445.14 25 To pay Paline Pipeline Company, a subsidiary of Lion Oil 26 Company, for utility adjustment on IH-10/Dewitt Road to KCS 27

S.B. No. 1589 1 Railroad February 2006 to June 2006 \$116,032.06 To pay City of Garland for design construction completed 2 3 February 9, 2001 \$7,956.00 4 To pay U.S. Customs and Border Protection for replacement \$281,659.00 5 warrant issued June 13, 2007 To pay Gaston Water Supply Corp for relocation of water line 6 7 along proposed Loop 571 completed March 12, 1999 \$27,437.22 8 To pay City of Hurst for engineering services provided from \$32,452.93 September 1, 2003, to August 31, 2004 9 To pay American Electric Power for utility adjustment on 10 FM899, Titus County from February 2007 to August 2007 \$212,824.88 11 To pay City of El Paso for cost incurred on project No. 12 2552-012-035 for December 1, 2006, to August 31, 2007 13 \$168,021.69 14 To pay Bexar Metropolitan Water District for engineering and 15 inspection services for utility relocation, Loop 410 at Zarzamora and Highway 16, San Antonio, February 22, 2006 16 \$121,656.80 17 To pay Florida Gas Transmission Company for utility adjustment relocation completed May 2004 \$116,397.75 18 To pay the County of Dallas Public Works Department for 19 engineering services provided from March 26, 1999, to May 16, 20 2005 21 \$9,700.65 To pay the County of Dallas Public Works Department for 22 engineering services provided from May 26, 1999, to June 25, 23 24 1999 \$644.93 SECTION 4. The following sums of money are appropriated out 25 26 of the General Revenue-Vital Statistics Fund Account No. 0019 for payment of itemized claims and judgments plus interest, if any, 27

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1 against the State of Texas:

2 To pay J. D. Gaona for replacement of a void warrant issued 3 August 1, 2000 \$202.05

4 SECTION 5. The following sums of money are appropriated out 5 of the General Revenue-Hazardous and Solid Waste Remediation Fees 6 Account, No. 0550 for payment of itemized claims and judgments plus 7 interest, if any, against the State of Texas:

8 To pay Weston Solutions, Inc. for engineering and remediation 9 services provided from August 11, 2006, to February 2, 10 2007 \$185,000.00

SECTION 6. The following sums of money are appropriated out of the Veterans Land Bond Series 1986 Refunding Fund No. 0571 for payment of itemized claims and judgments plus interest, if any, against the State of Texas:

15To pay Fannin County Title Company for replacement of a void16warrant issued July 21, 1999\$237.33

17 SECTION 7. The following sums of money are appropriated out 18 of the General Revenue-Petroleum Storage Tank Remediation Fund 19 Account No. 0655 for payment of itemized claims and judgments plus 20 interest, if any, against the State of Texas:

To pay Wells Fargo Bank NA Unclaimed Property for replacement of a void warrant issued December 5, 2008 \$123,774.23 SECTION 8. The following sums of money are appropriated out of the Unemployment Compensation Clearance Account No. 0936 for payment of itemized claims and judgments plus interest, if any, against the State of Texas:

27 To pay Leila Elias Fanous for replacement of a void surplus

S.B. No. 1589 1 tax credit warrant issued October 19, 2001 \$20.02 2 To pay The Seideman Law Firm for replacement of a void surplus 3 tax credit warrant issued March 19, 2001 \$26.73 4 To pay The Seideman Law Firm for replacement of a void surplus 5 tax credit warrant issued May 8, 2000 \$19.24 6 SECTION 9. (a) Before any claim or judgment may be paid 7 from money appropriated by this Act, the claim or judgment must be 8 verified and substantiated by the administrator of the special fund or account against which the claim or judgment is to be charged and 9 10 be approved by the attorney general and the comptroller of public accounts. Any claim or judgment itemized in this Act that has not 11 12 been verified and substantiated by the administrator of the special fund or account and approved by the attorney general and the 13 14 comptroller by August 31, 2012, may not be paid from money 15 appropriated by this Act.

(b) Each claim or judgment paid from money appropriated by 16 17 this Act must contain such information as the comptroller of public accounts requires but at a minimum must contain the specific reason 18 for the claim or judgment. If the claim is for a void warrant, the 19 claim must include a specific identification of the goods, 20 services, refunds, or other items for which the warrant was 21 originally issued. In addition, it must include a certification by 22 23 the original payee or the original payee's successors, heirs, or 24 assigns that the debt is still outstanding. If the claim or judgment is for unpaid goods or services, it must be accompanied by 25 26 an invoice or other acceptable documentation of the unpaid account and any other information that may be required by the comptroller. 27

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SECTION 10. Subject to the conditions and restrictions in 1 this Act and provisions stated in the judgments, the comptroller of 2 public accounts is authorized and directed to issue one or more 3 4 warrants on the state treasury, as soon as possible following the effective date of this Act, in favor of each of the individuals, 5 firms, or corporations named or claim numbers identified in this 6 Act, in an amount not to exceed the amount set opposite their 7 8 respective names or claim numbers and shall mail or deliver to each of the individuals, firms, or corporations associated with each 9 claim one or more warrants in payment of all claims included in this 10 Act. 11

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SECTION 11. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.