

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 6, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee On Homeland Security & Public Safety

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB746** by Ashby (Relating to allowing health care providers to provide services across state lines in catastrophic circumstances.), **As Introduced**

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| <p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p> |
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The bill would add a new chapter to the Occupations Code authorizing volunteers who are registered with a volunteer health practitioner registration system to provide certain services across state lines in catastrophic circumstances. The bill would authorize the Texas Division of Emergency Management to regulate volunteer health practitioners while an emergency declaration is in effect. The bill would require that a volunteer health practitioner registration system be capable of confirming whether the volunteer health practitioners in the system are duly registered, licensed and in good standing. The fiscal impact of the bill to the state is not anticipated to be significant, although the incidence of affected events is unpredictable.

**Local Government Impact**

The fiscal impact of the bill to local governments cannot be determined due to the inability to predict the number and scope of additional disaster declarations, number and severity of injuries, and increased costs of administration for out-of-state covered individuals.

**Source Agencies:** 301 Office of the Governor, 405 Department of Public Safety

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