TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB869** by Van de Putte (Relating to the regulation of the practice of pharmacy; authorizing fees.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code and Government Code relating to the regulation of the practice of pharmacy. The bill would clarify provisions applying to pharmacy technicians and pharmacy technician trainees registered by the Board of Pharmacy. The bill would allow the Board of Pharmacy to utilize a greater range of disciplinary sanctions for pharmacist interns. The bill would prohibit pharmacists and licensed pharmacies from renewing their licenses in Texas if the person holds a license to practice pharmacy in another state that has been suspended, revoked, canceled, or subject to action that prohibits the person from practicing pharmacy in that state. The bill would authorize the Board of Pharmacy to receive and spend gifts, grants, and other funds and assets in addition to money collected from fees. The bill would also allow a criminal justice agency to disclose criminal history record information that is subject to an order of nondisclosure to the Board of Pharmacy.

Based on information provided by the Board of Pharmacy and the Department of Public Safety, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

The bill would repeal a Class C misdemeanor. A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than $500. Reduced revenue to local governments, if any, would not be significant.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 515 Board of Pharmacy
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