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TO: Honorable John Frullo, Chair, House Committee on Insurance

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3102 by Frullo (Relating to the disclosure by health care practitioners and facilities of patient liability for payment for certain health care services.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Insurance Code and Health and Safety Code to require that health care practitioners and facilities must disclose to a patient the price that will be accepted as payment in full for certain health care services before that service is provided. No fiscal impact is anticipated for the Health and Human Services Commission, and the Department of State Health Services indicates any increase to the volume of complaints resulting from implementation of the bill could be absorbed within current resources.

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) estimates that implementation of the bill would result in approximately 396 additional filings. Insurers pay a filing fee of \$100 for each filing, resulting in a one-time revenue gain in fiscal year 2016 of \$39,600 to be deposited to General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Fund 36 (Fund 36). Since Fund 36 is a self-leveling account, this analysis assumes that any additional revenue resulting from the implementation of the bill would accumulate in account fund balances and that TDI would adjust the assessment of the maintenance tax or other fees accordingly in the following year.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 454 Department of Insurance, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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