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TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB674 by Schwertner (Relating to an expedited licensing process for certain physicians specializing in psychiatry; authorizing a fee.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to an expedited licensing process for certain physicians specializing in psychiatry. The bill would authorize the Texas Medical Board to set a fee for the expedited licensing process. The bill would permit the board to extend the validity of a physician assistant license and an acupuncturist license issued by the agency from one year to two years through board rule. The bill would permit the TMB to refuse certain registration permits or license renewals if the license holder is in violation of board order.

The bill would continue to have the State Board of Dental Examiners (SBDE) require an authorized person who performs certain radiologic procedures to register with the agency. Under the provisions of the bill, SBDE would continue to establish fees to cover the administrative costs associated with the registration program, establish grounds for suspension of registration, and establish training and supervision standards.

This analysis assumes that the adoption of a biennial license renewal schedule would affect the timing of revenue collection, but would have minimal effect on the amount of revenue collected for the biennium.

The SBDE and TMB anticipate any costs related to implementing the provisions of this bill could be absorbed within current appropriations.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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