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TO: Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1405 by Thierry (Relating to the prescription of low-THC cannabis by certain qualified physicians for certain patients diagnosed with a terminal illness.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would allow certain physicians to prescribe low-THC cannabis to certain hospice eligible, terminally ill patients.

The Texas Medical Board indicates that the provisions of the bill could be absorbed with existing resources.

The Department of Public Safety would incur costs related to licensing additional dispensing organizations under the Compassionate Use Program and making updates to its Compassionate Use Registry Application. However, Health and Safety Code, Section 487.052, requires the agency to set fees for the program at a level that is sufficient to cover the cost of its administration, so there would be no fiscal impact to the State.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 503 Texas Medical Board, 515 Board of Pharmacy

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