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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the medical use of low-THC cannabis by veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder under the Texas Compassionate Use Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Section 169.001, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (7) to read as follows:

(7)  "Veteran" means a person who has served in:

(A)  the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Space Force of the United States; or

(B)  Texas Army National Guard or the Texas Air National Guard.

SECTION 2.  Section 169.003, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 169.003.  PRESCRIPTION OF LOW-THC CANNABIS. A physician described by Section 169.002 may prescribe low-THC cannabis to a patient if:

(1)  the patient is a permanent resident of the state;

(2)  the physician complies with the registration requirements of Section 169.004; and

(3)  the physician certifies to the department that:

(A)  the patient is diagnosed with:

(i)  epilepsy;

(ii)  a seizure disorder;

(iii)  multiple sclerosis;

(iv)  spasticity;

(v)  amyotrophic lateral sclerosis;

(vi)  autism;

(vii)  terminal cancer; [~~or~~]

(viii)  an incurable neurodegenerative disease; or

(ix)  post-traumatic stress disorder and is a veteran; and

(B)  the physician determines the risk of the medical use of low-THC cannabis by the patient is reasonable in light of the potential benefit for the patient.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.