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TO: Honorable Nicole Collier, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1178 by Crockett (Relating to removing criminal penalties for the possession of drug paraphernalia under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to remove the Class C misdemeanor offense of the possession of drug paraphernalia under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

Local Government Impact

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. In addition to the fine, punishment can include up to 180 days of deferred disposition. Lost revenue from reduced fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety

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