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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the medical use of low-THC cannabis by patients with certain medical conditions.

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

SECTION 1.  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)  cancer;

(viii)  an incurable neurodegenerative disease;

(ix)  post-traumatic stress disorder~~; or~~

(x)  Glaucoma;

(xi)  Human Immunodeficiency Virus;

(xii)  Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome;

(xiii)  Sickle Cell Disease;

(xiv)  Alzheimer's Disease; or

~~(x)~~(xv) a medical condition that is approved for a research program under Subchapter F, Chapter 487, Health and Safety Code, and for which the patient is receiving treatment under that program; 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 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.