	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1	AN ACT
2	relating to the possession, use, cultivation, distribution,
3	transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis for use by
4	patients as the best available medical treatment, the licensing of
5	medical cannabis dispensing organizations, and the registration of
6	certain individuals; authorizing fees.
7	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
8	SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 6, Health and Safety Code, is
9	amended by adding Chapter 487A to read as follows:
10	CHAPTER 487A. USE OF CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES
11	SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS
12	Sec. 487A.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:
13	(1) "Department" means the Department of Public
14	Safety.
15	(2) "Director" means the public safety director of the
16	department.
17	(3) "Dispensing organization" means an organization
18	licensed by the department to cultivate, process, and dispense
19	medical cannabis to a patient for whom medical use is recommended
20	under Chapter 169A, Occupations Code.
21	(4) "Medical cannabis" and "medical use" have the
22	meanings assigned by Section 169A.001, Occupations Code.
23	SUBCHAPTER B. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT
24	Sec. 487A.051. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT. The department shall

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1 administer this chapter. 2 Sec. 487A.052. RULES. (a) The director shall adopt any 3 rules necessary for the administration and enforcement of this 4 chapter. 5 (b) The director shall adopt rules imposing fees under this chapter in amounts sufficient to cover the cost of administering 6 7 this chapter. 8 Sec. 487A.053. LICENSING OF DISPENSING ORGANIZATIONS AND REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS. 9 (a) The 10 department shall: (1) issue or renew a license under Subchapter C to 11 12 operate as a dispensing organization to each applicant who satisfies the requirements established under this chapter for 13 14 licensure as a dispensing organization; and 15 (2) register directors, managers, and employees under Subchapter D of each dispensing organization. 16 (b) Subject to Section 411.503, Government Code, 17 the department shall enforce compliance of license holders and 18 19 registrants and shall adopt procedures for renewing a license or registration issued under this chapter and for suspending or 20 revoking a license or registration issued under this chapter. 21 Sec. 487A.054. MEDICAL USE REGISTRY. (a) The department 22 shall establish and maintain a secure online medical use registry 23 24 that contains: 25 (1) the name of each physician who registers as the 26 physician recommending medical use for a patient under Section 169A.003, Occupations Code, and the name and date of birth of the 27

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1	patient; and
2	(2) the amount of medical cannabis dispensed to each
3	patient.
4	(b) The department shall ensure the registry:
5	(1) is designed to prevent more than one physician
6	from registering as the physician recommending medical use for a
7	single patient;
8	(2) is accessible to law enforcement agencies and
9	dispensing organizations for the purpose of verifying whether an
10	individual is a patient for whom medical use is recommended under
11	Chapter 169A, Occupations Code; and
12	(3) allows a physician recommending medical use under
13	Chapter 169A, Occupations Code, to input safety and efficacy data
14	derived from the treatment of patients for whom medical use is
15	recommended.
16	SUBCHAPTER C. LICENSING TO OPERATE AS DISPENSING ORGANIZATION
17	Sec. 487A.101. LICENSE REQUIRED. A person may not operate a
18	dispensing organization unless the person holds a license issued by
19	the department under this subchapter.
20	Sec. 487A.102. ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSE. An applicant for a
21	license to operate a dispensing organization is eligible for the
22	license if:
23	(1) as determined by the department, the applicant
24	possesses:
25	(A) the technical and technological ability to
26	cultivate and produce medical cannabis;
27	(B) the ability to secure:

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1	(i) the resources and personnel necessary
2	to operate as a dispensing organization; and
3	(ii) premises reasonably located to allow
4	patients listed on the medical use registry access to the
5	organization through existing infrastructure;
6	(C) the ability to maintain accountability for
7	the raw materials, the finished product, and any by-products used
8	or produced in the cultivation or production of medical cannabis to
9	prevent unlawful access to or unlawful diversion or possession of
10	those materials, products, or by-products; and
11	(D) the financial ability to maintain operations
12	until at least the second anniversary of the application date;
13	(2) each director, manager, or employee of the
14	applicant is registered under Subchapter D; and
15	(3) the applicant satisfies any additional criteria
16	the director determines necessary to safely implement this chapter.
17	Sec. 487A.103. APPLICATION. (a) A person may apply for an
18	initial or renewal license under this subchapter by submitting a
19	form prescribed by the department along with the application fee in
20	an amount set by the director.
21	(b) The application must include the name and address of the
22	applicant, the name and address of each of the applicant's
23	directors, managers, and employees, and any other information the
24	department considers necessary to determine the applicant's
25	eligibility for the license.
26	Sec. 487A.104. ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, OR DENIAL OF LICENSE.
27	(a) The department shall issue or renew a license under this

1	subchapter only if:
2	(1) the department determines the applicant meets the
3	eligibility requirements described by Section 487A.102; and
4	(2) issuance or renewal of the license is necessary to
5	ensure reasonable statewide access to, and the availability of,
6	medical cannabis for patients registered in the medical use
7	registry for whom medical cannabis is recommended under Chapter
8	169A, Occupations Code.
9	(b) If the department denies the issuance or renewal of a
10	license under Subsection (a), the applicant is entitled to a
11	hearing. Chapter 2001, Government Code, applies to a proceeding
12	under this section.
13	(c) A license issued or renewed under this subchapter
14	expires as determined by the department in accordance with Section
15	411.511, Government Code.
16	Sec. 487A.105. CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK. (a) An
17	applicant for the issuance or renewal of a license under this
18	subchapter shall provide the department with the applicant's name
19	and the name of each of the applicant's directors, managers, and
20	employees.
21	(b) Before a dispensing organization under this subchapter
22	hires a manager or employee for the organization, the license
23	holder must provide the department with the name of the prospective
24	manager or employee. The license holder may not transfer the
25	license to another person before that prospective applicant and the
26	applicant's directors, managers, and employees are eligible based
27	on a criminal history record check and are registered as required by

1 Subchapter D. 2 (c) The department shall conduct a criminal history record 3 check on each individual whose name is provided to the department under Subsection (a) or (b). The director by rule shall: 4 5 (1) require the individual to submit a complete set of fingerprints to the department on a form prescribed by the 6 7 department for purposes of a criminal history record check under 8 this section; and 9 (2) establish criteria for determining whether an 10 individual is eligible based on the criminal history record check 11 for the purposes of this section. 12 (d) After conducting a criminal history record check under this section, the department shall notify the relevant applicant or 13 14 organization and the individual who is the subject of the criminal 15 history record check as to whether the individual is eligible based 16 on the criminal history record check. Sec. 487A.106. DUTY TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY. Each license 17 holder under this subchapter must maintain compliance at all times 18 19 with the eligibility requirements described by Section 487A.102. Sec. 487A.107. DUTIES RELATING TO DISPENSING MEDICAL 20 CANNABIS. (a) Before dispensing medical cannabis to an individual 21 22 for whom medical use is recommended under Chapter 169A, Occupations Code, the dispensing organization must verify the individual is 23 24 listed as a patient in the medical use registry. (b) After dispensing medical cannabis to a patient for whom 25 26 medical use is recommended under Chapter 169A, Occupations Code, the dispensing organization shall record in the medical use 27

1	registry the form and quantity of the medical cannabis dispensed
2	and the date and time of dispensation.
3	Sec. 487A.108. LICENSE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION. (a) The
4	department may at any time suspend or revoke a license issued under
5	this subchapter if the department determines the license holder has
6	not maintained the eligibility requirements described by Section
7	487A.102 or has failed to comply with a duty imposed under this
8	chapter.
9	(b) The director shall give written notice to the license
10	holder of a license suspension or revocation under this section and
11	the grounds for the suspension or revocation. The notice must be
12	sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.
13	(c) After suspending or revoking a license issued under this
14	subchapter, the director may seize or place under seal all medical
15	cannabis and drug paraphernalia owned or possessed by the
16	dispensing organization. If the director orders the revocation of
17	the license, a disposition may not be made of the seized or sealed
18	medical cannabis or drug paraphernalia until the time for
19	administrative appeal of the order has elapsed or until all appeals
20	have been concluded. When a revocation order becomes final, all
21	medical cannabis and drug paraphernalia may be forfeited to the
22	state as provided under Subchapter E, Chapter 481.
23	(d) Chapter 2001, Government Code, applies to a proceeding
24	under this section.
25	SUBCHAPTER D. REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS
26	Sec. 487A.151. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. (a) An individual
27	may not act as a director, manager, or employee of a dispensing

1	organization unless the individual is registered under this
2	section.
3	(b) An applicant for a registration under this section must:
4	(1) be at least 18 years of age;
5	(2) submit a complete set of fingerprints to the
6	department in the manner required by department rule; and
7	(3) pass a fingerprint-based criminal history record
8	check as required by Section 487A.105.
9	(c) A registration expires on the second anniversary of the
10	date of the registration's issuance, unless suspended or revoked
11	under rules adopted under this chapter.
12	SUBCHAPTER E. DUTIES OF COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES
13	Sec. 487A.201. COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES MAY NOT PROHIBIT
14	MEDICAL CANNABIS. A municipality, county, or other political
15	subdivision may not enact, adopt, or enforce a rule, ordinance,
16	order, resolution, or other regulation that prohibits the
17	cultivation, production, dispensing, or possession of medical
18	cannabis, as authorized by this chapter.
19	SECTION 2. Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code, is
20	amended by adding Chapter 169A to read as follows:
21	CHAPTER 169A. AUTHORITY TO RECOMMEND MEDICAL CANNABIS TO CERTAIN
22	PATIENTS
23	Sec. 169A.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:
24	(1) "Department" means the Department of Public
25	Safety.
26	(2) "Medical cannabis" means the plant Cannabis sativa
27	L., and any part of that plant or any compound, manufacture, salt,

S.B. No. 127 1 derivative, mixture, preparation, resin, or oil of that plant. 2 (3) "Medical use" means the ingestion by a means of administration other than by smoking of a recommended amount of 3 medical cannabis by an individual for whom medical use 4 is 5 recommended under this chapter. 6 (4) "Smoking" means burning or igniting a substance and inhaling the smoke. 7 8 Sec. 169A.002. RECOMMENDATION OF MEDICAL USE. (a) А physician may recommend medical use in accordance with this chapter 9 10 to any patient for treatment of the patient's medical condition or symptoms if, in the physician's medical judgment, medical use is 11 12 the best available treatment for that patient's medical condition 13 or symptoms. 14 (b) A physician who recommends medical use for a patient 15 must: (1) comply with the registration requirements of 16 17 Section 169A.003; and (2) certify to the department the physician has 18 19 determined that: (A) medical use is the best available treatment 20 for the patient's medical condition or symptoms; and 21 22 (B) the risk of medical use by the patient is reasonable in light of the potential benefit for the patient. 23 24 Sec. 169A.003. RECOMMENDING PHYSICIAN REGISTRATION. (a) Before a physician may recommend medical use for a patient under 25 26 this chapter, the physician must register as the recommending physician for that patient in the medical use registry maintained 27

1	by the department under Section 487A.054, Health and Safety Code.
2	The physician's registration must indicate:
3	(1) the physician's name; and
4	(2) the patient's name and date of birth.
5	(b) The department may not publish the name of a physician
6	registered under this section unless the physician expressly grants
7	permission.
8	Sec. 169A.004. PATIENT TREATMENT PLAN. A physician who
9	recommends medical use for a patient under this chapter must
10	maintain a patient treatment plan that indicates:
11	(1) a plan for monitoring the patient's symptoms; and
12	(2) a plan for monitoring indicators of tolerance or
13	reaction to medical cannabis.
14	SECTION 3. Section 122.103(c), Agriculture Code, is amended
15	to read as follows:
16	(c) A qualified applicant who along with the application
17	submits proof to the department that the applicant holds a license
18	under Chapter 487 or 487A, Health and Safety Code, is not required
19	to pay an application fee, and the department shall issue the
20	license to the applicant within the time prescribed by Subsection
21	(b).
22	SECTION 4. Section 161.001(c), Family Code, as amended by
23	Chapters 8 (H.B. 567) and 29 (H.B. 2536), Acts of the 87th
24	Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is reenacted and amended to
25	read as follows:
26	(c) Evidence of one or more of the following does not
27	constitute clear and convincing evidence sufficient for a court to

1 make a finding under Subsection (b) and order termination of the 2 parent-child relationship:

3 (1)the parent homeschooled the child; the parent is economically disadvantaged; 4 (2) 5 the parent has been charged with a nonviolent (3) misdemeanor offense other than: 6 an offense under Title 5, Penal Code; 7 (A) an offense under Title 6, Penal Code; or 8 (B) an offense that involves family violence, as 9 (C) 10 defined by Section 71.004 of this code;

(4) the parent provided or administered low-THC cannabis to a child for whom the low-THC cannabis was prescribed under Chapter 169, Occupations Code;

14 (5) <u>the parent provided or administered medical</u> 15 <u>cannabis to a child for whom medical cannabis was recommended under</u> 16 <u>Chapter 169A, Occupations Code;</u>

17 (6) the parent declined immunization for the child for 18 reasons of conscience, including a religious belief; [<del>or</del>]

19 <u>(7)</u> [<del>(6)</del>] <u>the parent</u> sought an opinion from more than 20 one medical provider relating to the child's medical care, 21 transferred the child's medical care to a new medical provider, or 22 transferred the child to another health care facility; or

23 (8) [(6)] the parent allowed the child to engage in 24 independent activities that are appropriate and typical for the 25 child's level of maturity, physical condition, developmental 26 abilities, or culture.

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SECTION 5. Section 262.116(a), Family Code, as amended by

S.B. No. 127 Chapters 8 (H.B. 567) and 29 (H.B. 2536), Acts of the 87th 1 Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is reenacted and amended to 2 3 read as follows: 4 The Department of Family and Protective Services may not (a) 5 take possession of a child under this subchapter based on evidence that the parent: 6 7 homeschooled the child; 8 (2) is economically disadvantaged; 9 has been charged with a nonviolent misdemeanor (3) offense other than: 10 an offense under Title 5, Penal Code; 11 (A) 12 (B) an offense under Title 6, Penal Code; or an offense that involves family violence, as 13 (C) 14 defined by Section 71.004 of this code; 15 (4) provided or administered low-THC cannabis to a child for whom the low-THC cannabis was prescribed under Chapter 16 17 169, Occupations Code; (5) provided or administered medical cannabis to a 18 19 child for whom medical cannabis was recommended under Chapter 169A, 20 Occupations Code; 21 (6) declined immunization for the child for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief; [or] 22 23 (7) [(6)] sought an opinion from more than one medical 24 provider relating to the child's medical care, transferred the child's medical care to a new medical provider, or transferred the 25 26 child to another health care facility; 27 (8) [(6)] allowed the child to engage in independent

1 activities that are appropriate and typical for the child's level 2 of maturity, physical condition, developmental abilities, or 3 culture; or

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4 (9) [(7)] tested positive for marihuana, unless the 5 department has evidence that the parent's use of marihuana has 6 caused significant impairment to the child's physical or mental 7 health or emotional development.

8 SECTION 6. Section 411.0891(a), Government Code, is amended 9 to read as follows:

10 (a) Subject to Section 411.087, the department is 11 authorized to obtain and use criminal history record information 12 maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the department 13 that relates to a person who:

(1) is an applicant for or holds a registration issued
by the director under Subchapter C, Chapter 481, Health and Safety
Code, that authorizes the person to manufacture, distribute,
analyze, or conduct research with a controlled substance;

18 (2) is an applicant for or holds a registration issued 19 by the department under Chapter 487 or 487A, Health and Safety Code, 20 to be a director, manager, or employee of a dispensing 21 organization, as defined by Section 487.001 or 487A.001, Health and 22 Safety Code;

(3) is an applicant for or holds an authorization
issued by the department under Section 521.2476, Transportation
Code, to do business in this state as a vendor of ignition interlock
devices;

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(4) is an applicant for or holds certification by the

1 department as an inspection station or an inspector under 2 Subchapter G, Chapter 548, Transportation Code, holds an inspection 3 station or inspector certificate issued under that subchapter, or 4 is the owner of an inspection station operating under that chapter; 5 or

6 (5) is an applicant for or holds a certificate of 7 registration issued by the department under Chapter 1956, 8 Occupations Code, to act as a metal recycling entity.

9 SECTION 7. Section 411.502, Government Code, is amended to 10 read as follows:

Sec. 411.502. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies to a program, and persons regulated under the program, administered by the department under the following laws, including rules adopted under those laws:

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(1) Section 411.0625;

(2) Chapter 487, Health and Safety Code;

(3) Chapter 487A, Health and Safety Code;

18 (4) Chapter 1702, Occupations Code;

19 (5) [<del>(4)</del>] Chapter 1956, Occupations Code;

20 (6) [<del>(5)</del>] Section 521.2476, Transportation Code; and

21 <u>(7)</u> [<del>(6)</del>] Subchapter G, Chapter 548, Transportation 22 Code.

23 SECTION 8. Section 443.202(a), Health and Safety Code, is 24 amended to read as follows:

(a) This section does not apply to low-THC cannabis
 regulated under Chapter 487 or medical cannabis regulated under
 Chapter 487A.

SECTION 9. Section 443.2025(a), Health and Safety Code, is
 amended to read as follows:

3 (a) This section does not apply to low-THC cannabis
4 regulated under Chapter 487 or medical cannabis regulated under
5 <u>Chapter 487A</u>.

6 SECTION 10. Section 481.062(a), Health and Safety Code, is 7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The following persons may possess a controlled 9 substance under this chapter without registering with the <u>federal</u> 10 [<del>Federal</del>] Drug Enforcement Administration:

(1) 11 an agent or employee of а manufacturer, distributor, analyzer, or dispenser of the controlled substance who 12 registered with the federal [Federal] Drug Enforcement 13 is 14 Administration and acting in the usual course of business or 15 employment;

16 (2) a common or contract carrier, a warehouseman, or 17 an employee of a carrier or warehouseman whose possession of the 18 controlled substance is in the usual course of business or 19 employment;

20 (3) an ultimate user or a person in possession of the 21 controlled substance under a lawful order of a practitioner or in 22 lawful possession of the controlled substance if it is listed in 23 Schedule V;

(4) an officer or employee of this state, another
state, a political subdivision of this state or another state, or
the United States who is lawfully engaged in the enforcement of a
law relating to a controlled substance or drug or to a customs law

1 and authorized to possess the controlled substance in the discharge of the person's official duties; 2 3 (5) if the substance is tetrahydrocannabinol or one of its derivatives: 4 5 (A) a Department of State Health Services official, a medical school researcher, or a research program 6 participant possessing 7 the substance as authorized under 8 Subchapter G; or a practitioner or an ultimate user possessing 9 (B) 10 the substance as a participant in a federally approved therapeutic research program that the commissioner has reviewed and found, in 11 12 writing, to contain a medically responsible research protocol; [or] a dispensing organization licensed under Chapter 13 (6) 14 487 that possesses low-THC cannabis; or 15 (7) a dispensing organization licensed under Chapter 487A that possesses medical cannabis. 16 17 SECTION 11. Sections 481.111(e) and (f), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows: 18 Sections 481.120, 481.121, 481.122, and 481.125 do not 19 (e) apply to a person who engages in the acquisition, possession, 20 production, cultivation, delivery, or disposal of a raw material 21 used in or by-product created by the production or cultivation of 22 23 low-THC cannabis or medical cannabis if the person:

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(1) for an offense involving possession only of
marihuana or drug paraphernalia, is a patient for whom low-THC
cannabis is prescribed under Chapter 169, Occupations Code, or the
patient's legal guardian, and the person possesses low-THC cannabis

S.B. No. 127 1 obtained under a valid prescription from a dispensing organization; 2 [<del>or</del>] 3 (2) is a director, manager, or employee of a <u>low-THC</u>

4 <u>cannabis</u> dispensing organization and the person, solely in 5 performing the person's regular duties at the organization, 6 acquires, possesses, produces, cultivates, dispenses, or disposes 7 of:

8 (A) in reasonable quantities, any low-THC
9 cannabis or raw materials used in or by-products created by the
10 production or cultivation of low-THC cannabis; or

(B) any drug paraphernalia used in the acquisition, possession, production, cultivation, delivery, or disposal of low-THC cannabis;

14 (3) for an offense involving possession only of 15 marihuana or drug paraphernalia, is a patient for whom medical use 16 is recommended under Chapter 169A, Occupations Code, or the 17 patient's legal guardian; or

18 <u>(4) is a director, manager, or employee of a medical</u> 19 <u>cannabis dispensing organization and the individual, solely in</u> 20 <u>performing the individual's regular duties at the organization,</u> 21 <u>acquires, possesses, produces, cultivates, dispenses, or disposes</u> 22 <u>of:</u>

23 (A) in reasonable quantities, any medical 24 cannabis or raw materials used in or by-products created by the 25 production or cultivation of medical cannabis; or

26(B) any drug paraphernalia used in the27acquisition, possession, production, cultivation, delivery, or

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1	disposal of medical cannabis.
2	(f) For purposes of Subsection (e):
3	(1) [ <del>"Dispensing organization" has the meaning</del>
4	assigned by Section 487.001.
5	[ <del>(2)</del> ] "Low-THC cannabis" has the meaning assigned by
6	Section 169.001, Occupations Code.
7	(2) "Low-THC cannabis dispensing organization" means
8	a dispensing organization as defined by Section 487.001.
9	(3) "Medical cannabis" and "medical use" have the
10	meanings assigned by Section 169A.001, Occupations Code.
11	(4) "Medical cannabis dispensing organization" means
12	a dispensing organization as defined by Section 487A.001.
13	SECTION 12. Section 551.004, Occupations Code, is amended
14	by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
15	follows:
16	(a) This subtitle does not apply to:
17	(1) a practitioner licensed by the appropriate state
18	board who supplies a patient of the practitioner with a drug in a
19	manner authorized by state or federal law and who does not operate a
20	pharmacy for the retailing of prescription drugs;
21	(2) a member of the faculty of a college of pharmacy
22	recognized by the board who is a pharmacist and who performs the
23	pharmacist's services only for the benefit of the college;
24	(3) a person who procures prescription drugs for
25	lawful research, teaching, or testing and not for resale;
26	(4) a home and community support services agency that
27	possesses a dangerous drug as authorized by Section 142.0061,

1 142.0062, or 142.0063, Health and Safety Code; [or]

(5) a low-THC cannabis dispensing organization[, as 2 defined by Section 487.001, Health and Safety Code, ] that 3 cultivates, processes, and dispenses low-THC cannabis, 4 as 5 authorized by a license issued under Subchapter C, Chapter 487, Health and Safety Code, to a patient listed 6 in the compassionate-use registry established under that chapter; or 7

8 (6) a medical cannabis dispensing organization that 9 cultivates, processes, and dispenses medical cannabis, as 10 authorized by a license issued under Subchapter C, Chapter 487A, 11 Health and Safety Code, to a patient listed in the medical use 12 registry established under that chapter.

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(a-1) For purposes of Subsections (a)(5) and (6):

14 (1) "Low-THC cannabis dispensing organization" means 15 a dispensing organization as defined by Section 487.001, Health and 16 Safety Code.

17 (2) "Medical cannabis dispensing organization" means 18 <u>a dispensing organization as defined by Section 487A.001, Health</u> 19 <u>and Safety Code.</u>

SECTION 13. Not later than January 1, 2024, the public safety director of the Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules as required to implement, administer, and enforce Chapter 487A, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, including rules to establish the medical use registry required by that chapter.

25 SECTION 14. This Act takes effect immediately if it 26 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each 27 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.

If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.