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H.B. No. 2972

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 169.003, Occupations Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

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

- 10 (1) the patient is a permanent resident of the state;
- 11 (2) the physician complies with the registration
12 requirements of Section 169.004; and
- 13 (3) the physician certifies to the department that:
- 14 (A) the patient is diagnosed with:
- 15 (i) epilepsy;
- 16 (ii) a seizure disorder;
- 17 (iii) multiple sclerosis;
- 18 (iv) spasticity;
- 19 (v) amyotrophic lateral sclerosis;
- 20 (vi) autism;
- 21 (vii) cancer;
- 22 (viii) an incurable neurodegenerative
23 disease;
- 24 (ix) post-traumatic stress disorder; [~~or~~]

1 (x) a condition that causes menstrual
2 cramps, including premenstrual dysphoric disorder or dysmenorrhea;
3 or

4 (xi) a medical condition that is approved for
5 a research program under Subchapter F, Chapter 487, Health and
6 Safety Code, and for which the patient is receiving treatment under
7 that program; and

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

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.