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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Gray Sen. Gonzales	Bill Status:	House Business
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Bill Topic: **PROMOTING SOCIAL DISTANCING IN MARIJUANA INDUSTRY**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill allows a physician to examine a patient remotely to determine whether the patient would benefit from medical marijuana, and removes language prohibiting online and delivery sales for retail marijuana stores. The bill increases state workload on a one-time basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows a physician to treat, counsel, and conduct appropriate physical examinations remotely to establish whether a patient would benefit from medical marijuana. The bill also removes language prohibiting a retail marijuana store from selling products over the internet or delivering products to a person not physically present on the licensed premises.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state workload for several agencies by a minimal amount. The Department of Regulatory Agencies must update outreach materials for physicians, and the Department of Revenue and Department of Public Health and Environment must update rules. Legal services for rulemaking are provided by the Department of Law. No substantive changes to the licensing and regulation of marijuana online sales or delivery are expected, as the bill removes a prohibition that conflicts with other portions of statute that allow the Department of Revenue to permit online sales and delivery by licensed retail marijuana stores. The bill does not require a change in appropriations for any state agency.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Health Care Policy and Financing	Information Technology
Law	Municipalities	Public Health and Environment
Public Safety	Regulatory Agencies	Revenue