CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

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Honorable David Dewhurst President of the Senate

Honorable Joe Straus Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust t	the differences between the Senate and the House of
Representatives on HB 3169	have had the same under consideration, and
beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do p	eass in the form and text hereto attached.
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Note to Conference Committee Clerk:

Please type the names of the members of the Conference Committee under the lines provided for signature. Those members desiring to sign the report should sign each of the six copies. Attach a copy of the Conference Committee Report and a Section by Section side by side comparison to each of the six reporting forms. The original and two copies are filed in house of origin of the bill, and three copies in the other house.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

3rd Printing

H.B. No. 3169

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

2	relating to the imposition of the sales and use tax on certain
3	taxable items.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Sections 151.0565(a)(1) and (2), Tax Code, are
6	amended to read as follows:
7	(1) "Destination management services" means the
8	following services [when provided under a qualified destination
9	<pre>management services contract]:</pre>
10	(A) transportation <u>vehicle</u> management;
11	(B) booking and managing entertainers;
12	(C) coordination of tours or recreational
13	activities;
14	(D) meeting, conference, or event registration;
15	(E) meeting, conference, <u>transportation</u> , or
16	event staffing;
17	(F) event management; [and]
18	(G) meal coordination;
19	(H) shuttle system services, including vehicle
20	staging, radio communications, signage, and routing services; and
21	(I) airport meet-and-greet services, including
22	the provision of airport permits, manifest management services,
23	porterage, and passenger greeting services.
24	(2) "Qualified destination management company" means

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a business entity that:
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                    (A) is incorporated or is a limited liability
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   company;
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                    (B)
                         receives at least 80 percent of the entity's
   annual total revenue from providing or arranging for the provision
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   of a combination of at least six destination management services;
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                    (C) maintains a permanent nonresidential office
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   from which the destination management services are provided or
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                    (D) has at least three full-time employees;
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                         maintains a general liability insurance
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   policy with a limit of at least $1 million [spends at least one
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   percent of the entity's annual gross receipts to market the
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   destinations with respect to which destination management services
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   are provided];
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                    (F) during the preceding tax year, had [has] at
    least 80 percent of the entity's client contracts for:
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                         (i) clients from [described by Subdivision
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   (3)(A) located] outside this state who were determined by a
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   contracting entity outside this state; or
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                         (ii) clients from outside this state who
   were program attendees staying in a hotel in this state;
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conduct of the entity's business, does not own equipment used to

directly provide destination management services, including motor

coaches, limousines, sedans, dance floors, decorative props,

lighting, podiums, sound or video equipment, or equipment for

(G) other than office equipment used in the

- 1 catered meals;
- 2 (H) <u>does not prepare or serve beverages</u>, meals,
- 3 or other food products, but may procure catering services on behalf
- 4 of the entity's clients [is not doing business as a caterer];
- 5 (I) does not provide services for weddings;
- (J) does not own or operate a venue at which
- 7 events or activities for which destination management services are
- 8 provided occur; and
- 9 (K) [is not a subsidiary of another entity that,
- 10 and] is not a member of an affiliated group, as that term is defined
- 11 by Section 171.0001, another member of which:
- (i) prepares or serves beverages, meals, or
- 13 other food products [is doing business as, or owns or operates
- 14 another entity doing business as, a caterer]; or
- 15 (ii) owns or operates a venue described by
- 16 Paragraph (J).
- 17 SECTION 2. Section 151.313, Tax Code, is amended by
- 18 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read
- 19 as follows:
- 20 (a) The following items are exempted from the taxes imposed
- 21 by this chapter:
- 22 (1) a drug or medicine, other than insulin, if
- 23 prescribed or dispensed for a human or animal by a licensed
- 24 practitioner of the healing arts;
- 25 (2) insulin;
- 26 (3) a drug or medicine that is required to be labeled
- 27 with a "Drug Facts" panel in accordance with regulations of the

- 1 federal Food and Drug Administration, without regard to whether it
- 2 is prescribed or dispensed by a licensed practitioner of the
- 3 healing arts;
- 4 (4) a hypodermic syringe or needle;
- 5 (5) a brace; hearing aid or audio loop; orthopedic,
- 6 dental, or prosthetic device; ileostomy, colostomy, or ileal
- 7 bladder appliance; or supplies or replacement parts for the listed
- 8 items;
- 9 (6) a therapeutic appliance, device, and any related
- 10 supplies specifically designed for those products, if dispensed or
- 11 prescribed by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts, when
- 12 those items are purchased and used by an individual for whom the
- 13 items listed in this subdivision were dispensed or prescribed;
- 14 (7) corrective lens and necessary and related
- 15 supplies, if dispensed or prescribed by an ophthalmologist or
- 16 optometrist;
- 17 (8) specialized printing or signalling equipment used
- 18 by the deaf for the purpose of enabling the deaf to communicate
- 19 through the use of an ordinary telephone and all materials, paper,
- 20 and printing ribbons used in that equipment;
- 21 (9) a braille wristwatch, braille writer, braille
- 22 paper and braille electronic equipment that connects to computer
- 23 equipment, and the necessary adaptive devices and adaptive computer
- 24 software;
- 25 (10) each of the following items if purchased for use
- 26 by the blind to enable them to function more independently: a slate
- 27 and stylus, print enlarger, light probe, magnifier, white cane,

- 1 talking clock, large print terminal, talking terminal, or harness
- 2 for guide dog;
- 3 (11) hospital beds;
- 4 (12) blood glucose monitoring test strips;
- 5 (13) an adjustable eating utensil used to facilitate
- 6 independent eating if purchased for use by a person, including a
- 7 person who is elderly or physically disabled, has had a stroke, or
- 8 is a burn victim, who does not have full use or control of the
- 9 person's hands or arms;
- 10 (14) subject to Subsection (d), a dietary supplement;
- 11 and
- 12 (15) intravenous systems, supplies, and replacement
- 13 parts <u>designed or intended to be</u> used in the <u>diagnosis or</u> treatment
- 14 of humans.
- (e) A product is an intravenous system for purposes of this
- 16 section if, regardless of whether the product is designed or
- 17 intended to be inserted subcutaneously into any part of the body,
- 18 the product is designed or intended to be used to administer fluids,
- 19 electrolytes, blood and blood products, or drugs to patients or to
- 20 withdraw blood or fluids from patients. The term includes access
- 21 ports, adapters, bags and bottles, cannulae, cassettes, catheters,
- 22 clamps, connectors, drip chambers, extension sets, filters,
- 23 in-line ports, luer locks, needles, poles, pumps and batteries,
- 24 spikes, tubing, valves, volumetric chambers, and items designed or
- 25 intended to connect qualifying products to one another or secure
- 26 qualifying products to a patient. The term does not include a wound
- 27 drain.

- 1 (f) A product is a hospital bed for purposes of this section 2 if it is a bed purchased, sold, leased, or rented, regardless of the terms of the contract, that is specially designed for the comfort 3 4 and well-being of patients and the convenience of health care 5 workers, with special features that may include wheels, adjustable height, adjustable side rails, and electronic buttons to operate both the bed and other nearby devices. The term does not include 7 bed linens, stretchers, gurneys, delivery tables, or detached 8 9 accessories such as over-bed tables, trapeze devices, or scales. The term includes: 10 11 (1) a mattress for the bed; 12 (2) any devices built into the bed or designed for use 13 with the bed; 14 (3) infant warmers; 15 (4) incubators;

- 16 (5) other beds for neonatal and pediatric patients;
- 17 and
- 18 (6) beds specifically designed and marketed for use in
- the rest, recuperation, and treatment of obese patients, obstetric 19
- 20 patients, and burn patients.
- 21 SECTION 3. Section 151.319(f), Tax Code, is amended to read
- as follows: 22
- (f) In this section, "newspaper" means a publication that is 23
- printed on newsprint, the average sales price of which for each copy 24
- 25 over a 30-day period does not exceed \$3 [\$1.50], and that is printed
- and distributed at a daily, weekly, or other short interval for the 26
- dissemination of news of a general character and of a general 27

- 1 interest. "Newspaper" does not include a magazine, handbill,
- 2 circular, flyer, sales catalog, or similar printed item unless the
- 3 printed item is printed for distribution as a part of a newspaper
- 4 and is actually distributed as a part of a newspaper. For the
- purposes of this section, an advertisement is news of a general
- 6 character and of a general interest. Notwithstanding any other
- 7 provision of this subsection, "newspaper" includes:
- 8 (1) a publication containing articles and essays of
- 9 general interest by various writers and advertisements that is
- 10 produced for the operator of a licensed and certified carrier of
- 11 persons and distributed by the operator to its customers during
- 12 their travel on the carrier; and
- 13 (2) a publication for the dissemination of news of a
- 14 general character and of a general interest that is printed on
- 15 newsprint and distributed to the general public free of charge at a
- 16 daily, weekly, or other short interval.
- 17 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act does not
- 18 affect tax liability accruing before the effective date of this
- 19 Act. That liability continues in effect as if this Act had not been
- 20 enacted, and the former law is continued in effect for the
- 21 collection of taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of
- 22 the liability for those taxes.
- 23 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1. Sections 151.0565(a)(1) and (2), Tax Code, are amended to read as follows:

- (1) "Destination management services" means the following services when provided under a qualified destination management services contract:
- (A) transportation vehicle management;
- (B) booking and managing entertainers;
- (C) coordination of tours or recreational activities:
- (D) meeting, conference, or event registration;
- (E) meeting, conference, transportation, or event staffing;
- (F) event management; [and]
- (G) meal coordination;
- (H) shuttle system services, including vehicle staging, radio communications, signage, and routing services; and
- (1) airport meet-and-greet services, including the provision of airport permits, manifest management services, porterage, and passenger greeting services.
- (2) "Qualified destination management company" means a business entity that:
- (A) is incorporated or is a limited liability company;
- (B) receives at least 80 percent of the entity's annual total revenue from providing or arranging for the provision of destination management services:
- (C) maintains a permanent nonresidential office from which the destination management services are provided or arranged;
- (D) has at least three full-time employees;
- (E) maintains a general liability insurance policy with a limit of at least \$1 million [spends at least one percent of the entity's annual gross receipts to market the destinations with respect to which destination management services are provided]:

SENATE VERSION (IE)

SECTION 1. Sections 151.0565(a)(1) and (2), Tax Code, are amended to read as follows:

- (1) "Destination management services" means the following services [when provided under a qualified destination management services contract]: [FA1(1)]
- (A) transportation vehicle management;
- (B) booking and managing entertainers;
- (C) coordination of tours or recreational activities;
- (D) meeting, conference, or event registration;
- (E) meeting, conference, transportation, or event staffing;
- (F) event management; [and]
- (G) meal coordination;
- (H) shuttle system services, including vehicle staging, radio communications, signage, and routing services; and
- (I) airport meet-and-greet services, including the provision of airport permits, manifest management services, porterage, and passenger greeting services.
- (2) "Qualified destination management company" means a business entity that:
- (A) is incorporated or is a limited liability company;
- (B) receives at least 80 percent of the entity's annual total revenue from providing or arranging for the provision of \underline{a} combination of at least six destination management services; [FA1(2)]
- (C) maintains a permanent nonresidential office from which the destination management services are provided or arranged;
- (D) has at least three full-time employees;
- (E) maintains a general liability insurance policy with a limit of at least \$1 million [spends at least one percent of the entity's annual gross receipts to market the destinations with respect to which destination management services are provided]:

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SECTION 1. Same as Senate version.

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(F) has at least 80 percent of the entity's clients [described by Subdivision (3)(A)] located outside this state;

- (G) other than office equipment used in the conduct of the entity's business, does not own equipment used to directly provide destination management services, including motor coaches, limousines, sedans, dance floors, decorative props, lighting, podiums, sound or video equipment, or equipment for catered meals:
- (II) does not prepare or serve beverages, meals, or other food products, but may procure catering services on behalf of the entity's clients [is not doing business as a caterer];
- (1) does not provide services for weddings;
- (J) does not own <u>or operate</u> a venue at which events or activities for which destination management services are provided occur; and
- (K) [is not a subsidiary of another entity that, and] is not a member of an affiliated group, as that term is defined by Section 171,0001, another member of which:
- (i) prepares or serves beverages, meals, or other food products [is doing business as, or owns or operates another entity doing business as, a caterer]; or
- (ii) owns or operates a venue described by Paragraph (J).

No equivalent provision.

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- (F) <u>during the preceding tax year, had</u> [has] at least 80 percent of the entity's <u>client contracts for:</u>
- (i) clients from [described by Subdivision (3)(A) located] outside this state who were determined by a contracting entity outside this state; or
- (ii) clients from outside this state who were program attendees staying in a hotel in this state; [FA1(3)]
- (G) other than office equipment used in the conduct of the entity's business, does not own equipment used to directly provide destination management services, including motor coaches, limousines, sedans, dance floors, decorative props, lighting, podiums, sound or video equipment, or equipment for catered meals:
- (H) does not prepare or serve beverages, meals, or other food products, but may procure catering services on behalf of the entity's clients [is not doing business as a caterer];
- (I) does not provide services for weddings;
- (J) does not own <u>or operate</u> a venue at which events or activities for which destination management services are provided occur; and
- (K) [is not a subsidiary of another entity that, and] is not a member of an affiliated group, as that term is defined by Section 171.0001, another member of which:
- (i) prepares or serves beverages, meals, or other food products [is doing business as, or owns or operates another entity doing business as, a caterer]; or
- (ii) owns or operates a venue described by Paragraph (J).

SECTION __. Section 151.313, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(a) The following items are exempted from the taxes imposed

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SECTION 2. Section 151.313, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(a) Same as Senate version.

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by this chapter:

- (1) a drug or medicine, other than insulin, if prescribed or dispensed for a human or animal by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts;
- (2) insulin;
- (3) a drug or medicine that is required to be labeled with a "Drug Facts" panel in accordance with regulations of the federal Food and Drug Administration, without regard to whether it is prescribed or dispensed by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts;
- (4) a hypodermic syringe or needle;
- (5) a brace; hearing aid or audio loop; orthopedic, dental, or prosthetic device; ileostomy, colostomy, or ileal bladder appliance; or supplies or replacement parts for the listed items;
- (6) a therapeutic appliance, device, and any related supplies specifically designed for those products, if dispensed or prescribed by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts, when those items are purchased and used by an individual for whom the items listed in this subdivision were dispensed or prescribed:
- (7) corrective lens and necessary and related supplies, if dispensed or prescribed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist;
- (8) specialized printing or signalling equipment used by the deaf for the purpose of enabling the deaf to communicate through the use of an ordinary telephone and all materials, paper, and printing ribbons used in that equipment:
- (9) a braille wristwatch, braille writer, braille paper and braille electronic equipment that connects to computer equipment, and the necessary adaptive devices and adaptive computer software:
- (10) each of the following items if purchased for use by the

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blind to enable them to function more independently: a slate and stylus, print enlarger, light probe, magnifier, white cane, talking clock, large print terminal, talking terminal, or harness for guide dog;

- (11) hospital beds;
- (12) blood glucose monitoring test strips;
- (13) an adjustable eating utensil used to facilitate independent eating if purchased for use by a person, including a person who is elderly or physically disabled, has had a stroke, or is a burn victim, who does not have full use or control of the person's hands or arms;
- (14) subject to Subsection (d), a dietary supplement; and
- (15) intravenous systems, supplies, and replacement parts designed or intended to be used in the diagnosis or treatment of humans.
- (e) A product is an intravenous system for purposes of this section if, regardless of whether the product is designed or intended to be inserted subcutaneously into any part of the body, the product is designed or intended to be used to administer fluids, electrolytes, blood and blood products, or drugs to patients, or to withdraw *tissue samples*, blood, or fluids from patients. The term includes access ports, adapters, bags and bottles, cannulae, cassettes, catheters, clamps, connectors, drip chambers, extension sets, filters, in-line ports, luer locks, needles, poles, pumps and batteries, spikes, tubing, valves, volumetric chambers, and items designed or intended to connect qualifying products to one another or secure qualifying products to a patient.

(f) A product is a hospital bed for purposes of this section if it

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(e) A product is an intravenous system for purposes of this section if, regardless of whether the product is designed or intended to be inserted subcutaneously into any part of the body, the product is designed or intended to be used to administer fluids, electrolytes, blood and blood products, or drugs to patients or to withdraw blood or fluids from patients. The term includes access ports, adapters, bags and bottles, cannulae, cassettes, catheters, clamps, connectors, drip chambers, extension sets, filters, in-line ports, luer locks, needles, poles, pumps and batteries, spikes, tubing, valves, volumetric chambers, and items designed or intended to connect qualifying products to one another or secure qualifying products to a patient. *The term does not include a wound drain.*

(f) A product is a hospital bed for purposes of this section if it

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is a bed purchased, sold, leased, or rented, regardless of the terms of the contract, *not including a stretcher*, *gurney*, *or delivery table*, that is specially designed for the comfort and well-being of patients and the convenience of health care workers, with special features that may include wheels, adjustable height, adjustable side rails, and electronic buttons to operate both the bed and other nearby devices.

The term includes:

- (1) a mattress for the bed;
- (2) any devices built into the bed or designed for use with the bed;
- (3) infant warmers;
- (4) incubators;
- (5) other beds for neonatal and pediatric patients; and
- (6) beds specifically designed and marketed for use in the rest, recuperation, and treatment of obese patients, obstetric patients, and burn patients. [FA2]

SECTION __. Section 151.319(f), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) In this section, "newspaper" means a publication that is printed on newsprint, the average sales price of which for each copy over a 30-day period does not exceed \$3 [\$1.50], and that is printed and distributed at a daily, weekly, or other short interval for the dissemination of news of a general character and of a general interest. "Newspaper" does not include a magazine, handbill, circular, flyer, sales catalog, or similar printed item unless the printed item is printed for distribution as a part of a newspaper and is actually distributed as a part of a newspaper. For the purposes of this section, an

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is a bed purchased, sold, leased, or rented, regardless of the terms of the contract, that is specially designed for the comfort and well-being of patients and the convenience of health care workers, with special features that may include wheels, adjustable height, adjustable side rails, and electronic buttons to operate both the bed and other nearby devices. The term does not include bed linens, stretchers, gurneys, delivery tables, or detached accessories such as over-bed tables, trapeze devices, or scales.

The term includes:

- (1) a mattress for the bed;
- (2) any devices built into the bed or designed for use with the bed;
- (3) infant warmers;
- (4) incubators:
- (5) other beds for neonatal and pediatric patients; and
- (6) beds specifically designed and marketed for use in the rest, recuperation, and treatment of obese patients, obstetric patients, and burn patients.

SECTION 3. Same as Senate version.

No equivalent provision.

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advertisement is news of a general character and of a general interest. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, "newspaper" includes:

- (1) a publication containing articles and essays of general interest by various writers and advertisements that is produced for the operator of a licensed and certified carrier of persons and distributed by the operator to its customers during their travel on the carrier; and
- (2) a publication for the dissemination of news of a general character and of a general interest that is printed on newsprint and distributed to the general public free of charge at a daily, weekly, or other short interval. [FA1,3rd]

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not affect tax liability accruing before the effective date of this Act. That liability continues in effect as if this Act had not been enacted, and the former law is continued in effect for the collection of taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of the liability for those taxes.

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

SECTION 4. Same as House version.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

SECTION 5. Same as House version.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 25, 2013

TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3169 by Bohac (Relating to the imposition of the sales and use tax on certain taxable

items.), Conference Committee Report

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 151, Tax Code, with respect to taxation of destination management services, health care supplies, and newspapers.

Section 151.0565(a)(1) would be amended to include transportation vehicle management, transportation, shuttle service services, and airport meet-and-greet services within the definition of destination management services and to strike from that definition the limitation that such services be provided under a qualified destination management services contract.

Section 151.0565(a)(2) would be amended: 1) to limit the definition of qualified destination management company to one that receives at least 80 percent of revenue from a combination of at least six destination management services; 2) to require that a qualified destination management company maintain a general liability insurance policy with a limit of at least \$1 million; 3) to modify the requirement that at least 80 percent of the entity's clients be located outside this state to state that during the preceding tax year at least 80 percent of the entity's client contracts be for clients outside this state who were determined by a contracting entity outside this state or for clients from outside this state who were program attendees staying in a hotel in this state; 4) to delete the requirement that such a company spend at least one percent of its annual gross receipts to market the destinations with respect to which it provides services; 5) to clarify the prohibition of such a company from preparation or service of food or beverages; and 6) to prohibit such a company from operation of a venue at which events or activities for which destination management services are provided occur.

The bill would amend Section 151.313 of the tax code regarding the sales tax exemption of certain medical equipment.

Section 151.319(f) would be amended to increase the limitation on the average sales price of a publication that meets the definition of "newspaper" from \$1.50 to \$3.00. Section 151.319(a) of this code exempts a newspaper from sales and use tax.

The elimination of the requirement to market destinations and modification of other criteria for qualification as a destination management company is not expected to significantly alter the set of

affected entities, and shuttle services and airport meet-and-greet services are not taxable services. The amendments of Section 151.0565 accordingly would not have significant fiscal implications.

The Section 151.313 amendment of the definition of "intravenous system" would not have a significant fiscal impact.

The amount of sales tax revenue that may currently be collected from sales of newspapers with an average price between \$1.50 and \$3.00 cannot be determined, but is expected to be negligible.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

LBB Staff: UP, KK, SD

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

TAX/FEE EQUITY NOTE

83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 25, 2013

TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3169 by Bohac (Relating to the imposition of the sales and use tax on certain taxable

items.), Conference Committee Report

No statistically significant impact on the overall distribution of a state tax or fee burden among individuals and businesses is anticipated from the provisions of this bill.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: UP, KK

Certification of Compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure

Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, requires that a copy of a conference committee report signed by a majority of each committee of the conference must be furnished to each member of the committee in person or if unable to deliver in person by placing a copy in the member's newspaper mailbox at least one hour before the report is furnished to each member of the house under Section 10(a) of this rule. The paper copies of the report submitted to the chief clerk under Section 10(b) of this rule must contain a certificate that the requirement of this subsection has been satisfied, and that certificate must be attached to the printed copy of the report furnished to each member under Section 10(d) of this rule. Failure to comply with this subsection is not a sustainable point of order under this rule.

I certify that a copy of the conference committee report on H. B. 31 L. was furnished to each member of the conference committee in compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, before submission of the paper copies of the report to the chief clerk under Section 10(b), Rule 13, House Rules of Procedure.