

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

H.B. 369 aims to bring an increased awareness to the fight against lung cancer.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that more people in the United States die from lung cancer than any other type of cancer, regardless of gender, and that in 2011, the most recent year for which numbers are available, over 200,000 people in the United States were diagnosed with lung cancer.

According to the CDC, roughly 75 percent of those people have died. Many Texans have been affected by lung cancer and finding a cure for this cancer, as well as for all other cancers, is an issue that resonates deeply in the hearts of many Texans.

H.B. 369 amends current law relating to designating May 24 as Lung Cancer Awareness Day.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, by adding Section 662.061, as follows:

Sec. 662.061. LUNG CANCER AWARENESS DAY. (a) Provides that May 24 is Lung Cancer Awareness Day to encourage residents of this state to learn about:

- (1) the prevalence of lung cancer;
- (2) the statistical risks of developing the disease, including behaviors that increase the risk of developing the disease;
- (3) ways to increase early diagnosis and treatment of the disease; and
- (4) ways to reduce the prevalence of the disease.

(b) Requires Lung Cancer Awareness Day to be regularly observed by appropriate programs and activities.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.