

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1371

Amendment Number: H1

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016; AND TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN DISPENSARIES AND CULTIVATION FACILITIES.

Basic Change :

Sponsor: Representative House

House Amendment 1 --- Amends the bill to provide that the Medical Marijuana Commission would conduct criminal background checks of any individual who is an owner, board member, or officer of the dispensary or cultivation facility.

Original Bill ---The bill would amend the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016 regarding the licensing of dispensaries and cultivation facilities by the Commission to provide that persons associated with a dispensary or cultivation facility be current residents of Arkansas that own at least sixty percent (60%) interest in the dispensary or cultivation facility. The Commission would conduct a criminal background on any person owning ten percent (10%) of more of a facility. The Commission would issue licenses for dispensary or cultivation facilities in the name of a natural person with an ownership interest similar to the ownership interest requirements for permits issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.

Revenue Impact :

None.

Taxpayer Impact :

Any owner, board member, or officer of a dispensary or cultivation facility would be required to undergo a criminal background check.

Resources Required :

None.

Time Required :

None.

Procedural Changes :

None.

Other Comments :

None.

Legal Analysis :

HB1371-H1 modified previous language in the bill that required only owners, officers, and board members with greater than 10% ownership to undergo a background check. HB1371-H1 amends this language to conform with the rest of the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment that requires background checks on all owners, officers, and board members.