

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

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### **Basic Change :**

**Sponsor: Representative House**

This proposal would amend the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016 ("Amendment") to provide an additional time period for rulemaking regarding dispensaries, cultivation facilities, caregivers, as well as the registry for identification cards to no later than one hundred and eighty (180) days after the effective date of the Amendment. The Amendment as adopted provides for 120 days for the rule making process. This bill also provides for a start date of July 1, 2017 for the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission ("Commission") to begin accepting applications for licenses to operate a dispensary and/or cultivation facility. Under the Amendment, the start date for the Commission to accept applications for licenses is currently June 1, 2017.

### **Revenue Impact :**

None

### **Taxpayer Impact :**

None

### **Resources Required :**

None

### **Time Required :**

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

### **Procedural Changes :**

None.

### **Other Comments :**

None.

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### **Legal Analysis :**

This bill would provide additional time for agencies to develop comprehensive rules regarding the Amendment. By providing an additional 60 days to promulgate rules, the bill allows the affected agencies to incorporate any legislative changes as well as enhance each agency's ability to fully comply with both the Administrative Procedures Act and § 10-3-309 requiring both public comment and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee.