

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1436

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016 REGARDING EXPIRATION DATES OF LICENSES AND REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND RENEWALS OF WRITTEN CERTIFICATION.

Basic Change :

Sponsor: Representative House

The bill would amend the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016 regarding expiration dates of licenses of dispensaries and cultivation facilities, dispensary and cultivation facility agents, and for patients with chronic and life-long diseases. Registry identification cards of patients with chronic or life-long diseases would expire after three (3) years. Licensing fees for dispensaries may be prorated for partial year licenses with renewals required each year with the renewal period beginning on July 1 of each year.

Revenue Impact :

None.

Taxpayer Impact :

None.

Resources Required :

None.

Time Required :

None.

Procedural Changes :

None.

Other Comments :

None.

Legal Analysis :

HB1436 amends the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment ("Amendment") to adjust the licensure requirements for qualified patients. In particular, the bill removes the requirement for a yearly written certification from a doctor in instances of lifelong or chronic illnesses. In the event of these types of illnesses, registry identification cards would be valid for three years instead of one year.

Additionally, the bill allows for license card costs to be prorated by 50% if their card is used in the second ½ of the fiscal year. Finally, the bill places qualified patient card issuance on a fiscal year calendar.