

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: HB1436**

**Amendment Number: H1**

**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.**

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### **Basic Change :**

#### **Sponsor: Representative House**

Engrossment 02/21/17 --- House Amendment 1 --- Deletes the provisions regarding the extended time periods for renewal of registry identification cards of patients with chronic or life-long diseases. All patients would renew their licenses annually. The amendment maintains the provisions regarding partial year licenses for dispensaries and cultivation facilities.

Original Bill ---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-H1 removes the original bill's Sections 1 and 2 that created waivers for patients with long term or chronic illnesses. Under these waivers, patients that qualified would be allowed to register for patient cards every three years, instead of every year. Subsequent to this amendment, HB1436 still allows for a prorated license fee for cultivation facilities and dispensaries, depending on what time of the year they are licensed. Additionally, the bill pushes all deadlines for license renewals on the fiscal calendar year.