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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1860

By: Representative Duffield  
By: Senators C. Penzo, G. Leding

Filed with: House Select Committee on Rules  
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PERIOD THAT A VISITING  
QUALIFYING PATIENT REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD IS  
VALID; TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR RENEWAL OF A  
QUALIFYING PATIENT REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR  
MEDICAL MARIJUANA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

TO MODIFY THE PERIOD THAT A VISITING  
QUALIFYING PATIENT REGISTRY  
IDENTIFICATION CARD IS VALID; AND TO  
ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR RENEWAL OF A  
QUALIFYING PATIENT REGISTRY  
IDENTIFICATION CARD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-56-307 is amended to read as follows:

20-56-307. Visiting qualifying patient registry identification card.

A registry identification card for a visiting qualifying patient shall  
~~be extended for a period of ninety (90) days~~ valid for one (1) year from the  
date of issuance.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 56, Subchapter 3, is  
amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

1       20-56-309. Qualifying patient registry identification card renewal.

2       (a) A qualifying patient registry identification card expires one (1)  
3 year after issuance unless the certifying physician designates an earlier  
4 expiration.

5       (b)(1) A qualifying patient may obtain a renewal of a qualifying  
6 patient registry identification card by submitting a written request to the  
7 Department of Health.

8       (2) The department shall not require an additional certification  
9 from a certifying physician for a renewal of a qualifying patient registry  
10 identification card.

11       (c)(1) After a qualifying patient registry identification card has  
12 been renewed once, a new certification from a certifying physician shall be  
13 submitted to obtain a new qualifying patient registry identification card.

14       (2) A new qualifying patient registry identification card under  
15 subdivision (c)(1) of this section may be renewed as provided under  
16 subdivision (b) of this section.

17       (d) The Department of Health may promulgate rules to implement this  
18 section.

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20       20-56-310. Universal registry identification card.

21       (a) An individual who is employed or provides services to a dispensary  
22 or cultivation facility shall be issued a universal registry identification  
23 card.

24       (b)(1) An individual holding a universal registry identification card  
25 shall notify the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division in writing before  
26 initiating employment or services to a dispensary or cultivation facility.

27       (2) The division shall maintain a record of each dispensary or  
28 cultivation facility that is a designated facility of an individual holding a  
29 universal registry identification card.

30       (c) The division may promulgate rules to implement this section.

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35 Referred requested by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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