BILL SUMMARY 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.: Version: Request Number: Author: Date: Impact: HB 1720 FULLPCS1 10173 Rep. McDugle 2/27/2024 Increase in Revenue: \$2,700,000

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for HB1720 replaces the issuance of "temporary" marijuana patient licenses with "nonresidential" licenses for patients under the care of an Oklahoma physician. It extends their validity from 30 days to two years and increases the license fee from \$100 to \$250. The measure further allows minors to obtain a license with approval from two physicians and a parent or guardian, while adults qualify without specific medical conditions.

Twenty percent of the fees collected will support licensing veterans through the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority Fund ("The Authority"). The remaining eighty percent will fund enforcement of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act via the Bureau of Narcotics Revolving Fund. The measure further authorizes the Authority to establish rules for fee collection.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1720 substitutes the issuance of a temporary medical marijuana license, allowing Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) to issue a nonresident medical marijuana license to patients under the care of a licensed Oklahoma physician. The license fee increases from One Hundred Dollars (\$100) to Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250) and remains valid for a duration of two (2) years.

Twenty percent (20%) of the license fees collected are to be deposited into the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority Fund to cover the cost of issuing and eighty percent (80%) to the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) Revolving Fund for investigation and enforcement of the provisions of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act.

Historical calendar year data indicates OMMA issues an average of Eighteen Thousand (18,000) nonresident patient licenses per year. Under the provisions of HB 1720, an average of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000) in nonresident patient license fees would be collected, with approximately Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000) distributed to OMMA and Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000) distributed to OBN. Due to the provisions of this measure, total revenue is anticipated to increase by Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,700,000) per year.

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Other Considerations

None.

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