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Research Analysis

Pending

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 1939 requires all medical marijuana businesses applying for a license with the intention of operating a commercial growing facility to file a bond with their application. Renewal applications must be submitted at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the expiration date to be considered timely, however, may be submitted earlier up to one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration date. The measure provides a late renewal fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) per week that the license is expired, but not to exceed sixty (60) days. Once a license has been expired for more than sixty (60) days, the medical marijuana business must cease, transfer, or sale all possessions immediately. The measure directs OMMA to promulgate rules for approval and denial of medical marijuana business transfers. Officials from OMMA provided the following statement.

"The agency intends to utilize existing staff to review submitted applications, which may lead to longer review periods dependent upon the volume of applications submitted. It is unknown if the timeframe changes in this bill will require updates to the current licensing system; any such costs to update the licensing system will require negotiation with the licensing vendor and are unknown at this time. The fee changes in this bill may result in increased licensing fee collections, however any impact to the agency's overall budget is expected to be minimal." Therefore, in its current form, SB 1939 is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget.

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Other Considerations

None.