

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB264
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Research Analysis

The engrossed version of SB 264 allows the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to create a petty cash fund.

The measure establishes the initial, nonrefundable application fee for medical marijuana processors at \$2,500.00 and requires that all submissions of grower applications, renewal processor applications, and renewal dispensary applications be accompanied by a remittance of a fee of \$2,500.00.

The measure allows for secret shoppers employed by the Authority to attempt to purchase medical marijuana or marijuana products in order to prove compliance with the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act or any rule determined by the Authority.

Additionally, the measure clarifies that secret shoppers cannot be required to fulfill licensing requirements for the purchase of medical marijuana products.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 264 allows for the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to set up a petty cash fund to pay secret shoppers. The measure also allows for the Authority to purchase and maintain motor vehicles for use by the employees of the Authority.

From the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority:

Prior to the transition to a standalone agency, OMMA (as subdivision of the OSDH) was able to purchase vehicles instead of leasing them from OMES. At that time, we purchased the following vehicles for our Enforcement team:

- 2 – 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 SSV with upfitting (lights, gun box, etc.)
- 7 -2022 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV with upfitting (lights, gun box, etc.)

We currently lease 46 vehicles from OMES for our Compliance division and mailroom staff as follows:

- 5 – 2016 Chevrolet Impala
- 1 – Ford Focus
- 2 – Ford Fusion
- 38 – Ford Escape

As we are unable to purchase more vehicles, we have requested to lease an additional 24 vehicles from OMES. All of the requested vehicles are Ford F150 4WD to ensure our compliance and inspection teams can adequately navigate gravel, dirt, and other unpaved roads during routine compliance inspections and operational status visits. In addition, we are requesting that 45 of our currently-leased vehicles be replaced with either pickups or SUVs with 4WD as our current vehicles cannot adequately navigate the terrain. Forecasting our future staffing needs, Compliance is expected to onboard 50 inspectors, 16-17 Auditors, and 16-17 Business Complaints and Special Functions Unit staff by the end of 2023, leading to an additional 46-47 vehicles needed (20 for Compliance Inspectors; 10 for Auditors; and 16-17 for Business Complaints and Special Functions staff).

We are currently experiencing issues leasing vehicles from OMES, as we are limited to the number of vehicles they have available and their budget to fulfil our needs with the large number of vehicles requested. Allowing our agency to purchase vehicles would ensure our team is equipped with the most appropriate tools to safely navigate varied terrain as we inspect and audit commercial business licensees across the state.

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Other Considerations

None.