FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council 01/18/2019

Amendment to: HB 1364

1 A. **State fiscal effect**: Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium		2021-2023 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$180,858	\$20,000	\$181,423	
Appropriations			\$180,858		\$181,423	

1 B. County, city, school district and township fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium	2021-2023 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).

The bill adds edible products as a type of marijuana product available to qualifying patients under the Medical Marijuana Program.

B. **Fiscal impact sections**: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Section 1 adds edible products as a type of marijuana product available to qualifying patients under the Medical Marijuana Program. This change requires additional staffing and a change to the information technology system.

- 3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:
 - A. **Revenues:** Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

B. **Expenditures:** Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

The Department of Health anticipates one full-time equivalent (FTE) position is necessary to implement the provisions of the bill. A Health/Human Service Program Administrator II position is anticipated. Salary and benefits for the 2019-21 Biennium is estimated at \$163,064. Also, computer and related costs are anticipated to be \$17,794 for a total cost of the FTE and associated cost of \$180,858. Since fees would not be sufficient to sustain the added FTE and related costs the funding would need to come from the general fund.

The provisions of the bill also requires a change to the information technology system. This is estimated to be a one time cost of \$20,000. Special funds derived from fees would be used for this expenditure.

The 2021-23 biennium salary and benefits are estimated to be \$168,271 and other related operating cost of \$13,152 for a total of \$181,423. These costs would need to continue to be funded from the general fund.

C. **Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.

All fees received under the Medical Marijuana Program are deposited into a special fund. The program operates under a continuing appropriation as established in NDCC. No appropriation is required for the change to the information technology system.

An appropriation would be necessary for the FTE and related costs since fees will not be sufficient to support these expenditures.

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