

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**SENATE BILL NO. 2294**  
**LC# 25.1233.02000**  
**01/31/2025**

## 1 - 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.*

|                | 2023-2025 Biennium |             | 2025-2027 Biennium |             | 2027-2029 Biennium |             |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
|                | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds |
| Revenues       |                    |             |                    | \$825       |                    | \$5,130     |
| Expenditures   |                    | \$30,700    |                    |             |                    |             |
| Appropriations |                    |             |                    |             |                    |             |

## 2 - County, City, School District, and Township Fiscal Effect

*Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

|                  | 2023-2025 Biennium | 2025-2027 Biennium | 2027-2029 Biennium |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Counties         |                    |                    |                    |
| Cities           |                    |                    |                    |
| School Districts |                    |                    |                    |
| Townships        |                    |                    |                    |

## 3 - 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 eliminates an in-person medical evaluation requirement, adds a cannabinoid edible product, increases the expiration date for a patient card with a new fee, establishes a self-certification process for veterans, and allows nonresidents to obtain a card.

## 4 - Fiscal Impact Sections Detail

*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 eliminates the requirement that a relevant, in-person, medical evaluation of a patient be completed by a health care provider. Allowing telehealth for qualifying patient applications may lead to an increase in applications received by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Sections 2, 3, and 4 add a cannabinoid edible product as a type of marijuana product available to qualifying patients under the Medical Marijuana Program. The addition of a product type requires programming changes to the information technology system used to track and monitor medical marijuana production/processing and dispensing.

Sections 5 and 8 establish new expiration dates for qualifying patient's registry identification cards (i.e. medical marijuana cards). A new maximum fee structure is established - \$25 for an initial card valid for one year and \$40 for a renewal card valid for two years. The new fee structure will lead to a decrease in application revenue.

Section 6 allows a veteran to submit discharge documents and attest to their debilitating medical condition. DHHS would use this information to approve or deny an application. Allowing veterans to self-certify will lead to an increase in applications received by DHHS.

Section 7 allows a nonresident to obtain a qualifying patient registry identification card. Allowing nonresidents to obtain a card will lead to an increase in applications received by DHHS.

## **5 - Revenues Detail**

*For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

The change in application fees will result in less application fee revenue while the anticipated increase in qualifying patient applications will increase application fees collected by DHHS. The net effect for the 2025-27 Biennium is anticipated to be minimal (less than \$1,000).

## **6 - Expenditures Detail**

*For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

Programming changes to the information technology system are estimated to be \$27,500. Costs associated with adopting rules are estimated to be \$3,200. Special funds derived from fees would pay for the expenses.

## **7 - Appropriations Detail**

*For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1 or 2, please 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.*

The program operates under a continuing appropriation as established in NDCC. There is no impact to Appropriations.

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