



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 657** HLS 25RS 1102  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Fee of \$22,500 for therapeutic marijuana retail permit		

MEDICAL MARIJUANA EG INCREASE SG RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to fees collected by the Louisiana Department of Health related to the sale of therapeutic marijuana

Present law requires the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to issue an annual retail permit to sell recommended marijuana for therapeutic use. The law provides that permits are renewed annually & allows LDH to charge renewal fees as required by law and the rules and regulations of the department.

Proposed law requires LDH to establish and collect an annual retail permit fee of \$22,500 from each of the 10 retail permit holders authorized to sell recommended marijuana for therapeutic use.

Proposed law requires LDH to collect certain information information from each licensee.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law is anticipated to increase SGR revenue in the LDH Office of Public Health (OPH) by \$517,500 as a result of collecting an annual retail permit fee of \$22,500 from each retail permit holder authorized to sell recommended therapeutic marijuana in the state. The estimate assumes that 23 retailers (currently approved) will be assessed the annual retail permit fee of \$22,500 for a total of \$517,500 in FY 26 and beyond, assuming no new retailers (23 retailers x \$22,500 Fee = \$517,500). A maximum of 30 retail permits are authorized under present law. If all 30 permits are issued, this legislation would generate \$675,000 in SGR revenue annually (30 retailers x \$22,500 Fee = \$675,000).

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

  
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